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COMMENT OF THE DAY

## The Korea Visit

IT cannot be expected that Mr Eisenhower will make public any ideas he may have formulated for resolving the Korean problem until after his inauguration as President next January. To do so might hopelessly prejudice the remaining prospects of the Peking Government accepting the Indian truce plan. It is fairly evident, however, that Mr Eisenhower has reached certain conclusions in consequence of his secret visit to Korea. This is evidenced by his haste in calling together several of his principal administrators-designate for immediate discussions aboard the warship Helena and later at Pearl Harbour. It is fair to assume that from these meetings will emerge policy decisions apropos Korea which Mr Eisenhower will be able to reveal as early as he desires after his inauguration. There are reasons to believe that Mr Eisenhower was subjected to a good deal of high-pressure talk from South Korean political leaders, but it is not likely he allowed himself to succumb to their blandishments. The suggestion that a thorough-going UN offensive would quickly bring the war in Korea to an end is not easily digestible.

MR Eisenhower's life-long training has equipped him with a brilliant military mind. But he has also given signs that he possesses statesmanlike qualities, and it is these he will have to use to the full if he is to exert effective influence on bringing the Korean hostilities to an end. The idea of forcing the Communists to accept truce conditions by a spectacular military victory is tempting in theory. But whether it could, in practice, be achieved is not certain. The possibility of the Chinese Communists becoming amenable to the truce plan originated by India and approved by the United Nations General Assembly cannot yet be abandoned. Admittedly the propaganda line adopted by the Peking and Pyongyang radio stations is discouraging, but the proposals have not yet been officially and categorically repudiated by the Peking Government. If and when they are, the suggestion that the impasse be broken by military action may recommend itself. But not until then.

# Eisenhower Begins Vital Policy Talks Today

## WAR IN KOREA TOPS AGENDA

Aboard USS Helena, Dec. 8.

**President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower, five of his Cabinet designates and top ranking military leaders were to split into two groups today (Monday) for vital conferences charting US policy in the Orient.**

As this big warship neared Wake Island, some of the party prepared to fly to Pearl Harbour for simultaneous, co-ordinated sessions. Eisenhower and the rest of the party will confer aboard the Helena during the rest of its 3,300-mile voyage from Guam to Pearl Harbour.

The Helena, cruising at a steady 27 knots, was expected to reach Wake about noon (8 a.m. HKT Monday).

**John Foster Dulles, US Secretary of State-designate and chief architect of the Japanese Peace Treaty, and two other Cabinet members of the new Republican administration are to board the ship at Wake.**

Charles E. Wilson, next Defence Secretary who accompanied Eisenhower on his historic three-day tour of Korea, planned to leave the Helena at Wake and fly to Pearl Harbour for conferences.

James Hagerty, Eisenhower's Press Secretary, said that both Eisenhower's sessions aboard the Helena and those between Wilson and high military leaders at Pearl Harbour will be co-ordinated and will deal primarily with the Korean war.

Boarding at Wake were to be Dulles, George M. Humphrey, Secretary of Treasury-designate; Governor Douglas McKay of Oregon, to be Interior Secretary; General Lucius D. Clay, former occupation commander in Germany and one of Eisenhower's close advisers; Joseph W. Dodge, C. D. Jackson and Emmet J. Hughes, likewise advisers.

SYNCHRONISED

Admiral Arthur Radford, Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet, was to accompany Wilson to Pearl Harbour by plane for conference with General Omar N. Bradley, Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff. Bradley flew directly from Guam to Pearl Harbour yesterday (Sunday).

The nature of the paralleling conferences indicated that both the political and military approach to the Korean situation would be synchronised.

The Helena is expected to reach Pearl Harbour on Thursday, Hawaiian time.

Eisenhower appeared to be enjoying his voyage—and getting some long-delayed rest.

With a tropical storm abated, smooth seas gave the Helena an even keel yesterday. The President-elect was up early for breakfast—and then went back to bed for most of the day.

"He's just unwinding from all the months of work and travel," Hagerty explained. "Remember, this is the first time he has had a real chance to sleep and rest since he returned home from Europe on June 1."

The fact that advisers Jackson and Hughes were summoned to the Helena indicated that the General might get in some work on speeches to be made when he arrives home from the Korean trip.

Hughes will be a special White House assistant in charge of speeches and reports.

Jackson, editor of Fortune magazine and one of Eisenhower's speech writers during the election campaign, is slated for a place in the Republican administration—but the nature of the job was not disclosed.

Hughes was reported to have had a leading part in drafting Eisenhower's "I shall go to Korea" speech during the campaign.

Herbert Brownell of New York City, who will be Attorney General, is another Cabinet appointee sitting in on the conferences. He accompanied Eisenhower to Korea also.

REDS' REACTION

(The Korean Communist Radio—in what apparently was the first Red reaction to Eisenhower's Korean trip—reiterated an old charge that it would only serve to spread the war and increase the suffering of the Korean people.

(The propaganda broadcast, heard in Tokyo, quoted a commentary from the Korean Central News Agency. It said:

("The conspiracy behind the slogan Asians for the defence of Asia is the extension of the war. Eisenhower is the latest of a long list of American aggressors. Eisenhower's plot in Korea is betraying the real desires of the American people. Eisenhower intends to spill Korean blood to swell the war profits of American capitalists. The Korean people must oppose Eisenhower as President-elect and stiffen their determination against future plans of Eisenhower.") —Associated Press.

## MEN FIGHT HERRINGS

New York, Dec. 7.

A furious battle between men and fish raged today as wave after wave of tiny herring swam to their death in a Long Island power plant, threatening to cut off electricity to 500,000 persons in three counties.

Herring by the million started menacing the cold water intake equipment of the Long Island Lighting Company's 300,000-kilowatt plant here just a week ago.

Suicide schools of herring rode in on the tide this morning and crashed against the huge screens that strain the water of the bay before it is pumped into the power plant and used to create steam. The plant supplies electricity to parts of three counties.

As fast as they could heave their shovels, 20-man crews have been labouring night and day to keep the fish from halting the water intake and stopping the machinery.—United Press.

## Five Men Die In Fire

Rapid City, Dakota Dec. 7.

**Five Air Force officers died today, when a fire swept through a two-storey barracks at Rapid City air force base.**

**Six others were taken to hospital.**

**Several officers jumped to safety from second floor windows as the flames spread rapidly.—Reuter.**

## Briton's Torture Story

### Slashed With Sabre By Venezuelans

Southampton, Dec. 7.

**An adventurous British seafarer charged on Sunday he was tortured by Venezuelans after being seized while doing research in the Orinoco Delta for American concerns.**

Dod Orsborne, who arrived back here from Trinidad on the ss Golfito, told newsmen he intends to file a protest with the United Nations Human Rights Committee.

The 48-year-old seaman showed reporters scars on his wrists. He said he was held in primitive dungeons for five months without trial.

Orsborne said he was seized by the Venezuelans while doing research on plants for the American Geographical Society and a United States chemical firm.

He said his release came only after intervention by the American Ambassador in Venezuela who was investigating the case of an American airman named Steve Murray being held in the same gaol.

BOAT SEIZED

Orsborne, explained the Venezuelans nicknamed him "the Dangerous Captain," said they seized one of his boats, the Argosy, which is now laying off Trinidad, and later rammed and sank his seven-ton yawl, the Mirage.

Orsborne told this story:

"They accused me of gun-running but the only guns I had were those given me by the Wincester Company for experiments.

"I was also suspected of trying to get people off an island which the authorities tried to keep secret from the world.

"On the island they hold more than 1,000 political prisoners—professors, doctors and people of good standing. There is a lot of disease and the prisoners gradually die off.

"The suggestion that I was trying to take the prisoners away was ridiculous. I did not know where the island is and had no accommodation for anyone else on the Mirage."

SABRE ATTACK

Orsborne said the Venezuelans accused him of being friendly with General Medina, a former political leader, and added:

"When I said I did not know him they called me a liar, slashed me with a sabre and matched my false teeth out with a sword they thrust in my mouth."

The British seaman said he was kept in different dungeons and held in chains for 18 days at one time.

Orsborne told newsmen that the American Ambassador brought his case to the attention of British Ambassador, Sir Robert Urquhart, after he had been held five months.

Before released from prison, Orsborne said the Venezuelans "gave me 10 injections every 24 hours to put some life in me."—Associated Press.

## London Paralysed By Fog

### NO RELIEF YET PROMISED

London, Dec. 7.

Carrying blazing kerosene torches, Londoners groped their way along the streets in front of fire engines to guide them through thick, grey-green fog to a major fire at West Ham today.

This typified the paralysed life the 8,000,000 residents of the world's biggest city have been leading for three days.

The weatherman said he expected the fog to continue all through Monday and perhaps longer.

Jangling firebells rang continuously, but engines went no faster than three miles an hour. The fog deadened alarm bells.

One brigade stationed only 500 yards away arrived at a walking pace to find a whole block ablaze as flames ate up the packed interior of a furniture works.

RADIO SOS

Radio calls were sent for help and seven brigades answered at a frantic creeping pace behind torch bearers.

It was only by feeling the heat of the flames that they could fight them.

Unable to spot dangerous overhangs, three firemen were slightly injured by crashing debris. It took ten engines to control the fire and an estimated £40,000 damage was done.

Thieves and thugs lurked and scurried through the fog and Scotland Yard's emergency telephone alarm sounded throughout the day and night.

Reports piled up of robberies, burglaries and assaults as police squad cars crept impotently at walking pace to answer calls.—United Press.

WEATHER MIXTURE

London, Dec. 7.

Europe had a weather mixture of heavy fog and brilliant sunshine today, according to reports from Reuter correspondents tonight.

These reports included:

Hamburg—Air and sea traffic were badly hindered today by a thick blanket of fog which lay over the whole of North Germany.

All flights to and from Hamburg, Bremen and Berlin were delayed for hours. All traffic on the Berlin-Hanover and London-Hanover air routes, cancelled on Friday, remained at a standstill.

No shipping could leave Hamburg harbour, and about 20 vessels were anchored in the Elbe estuary between Stade and Bruensbuettell.

Munich — Southern Germany barked in bright sunshine though temperatures were down to freezing point in some areas. Roads all over the country were icy or snow covered.

The Bavarian Weather Office reported excellent conditions for winter sports in the Bavarian Alps.

BLUE SKIES

The Hague — Blue skies and normal temperatures prevailed over Holland today. Visibility at the Hook of Holland was about a mile.

Antwerp—Thick fog extending along the whole Belgian coast halted shipping on the Scheldt today. Inland Belgium had cloudy weather.

Oslo — It was cold but bright and clear here. The temperature was -5°C (23°F).

The Hague—Later reports told of fog in many parts of Holland reducing traffic to a walking pace. Visibility was down to ten yards.

Some small ships ran aground in Rotterdam harbour but came off under their own power. No serious damage was reported.

Many plane services were cancelled.

Berlin—The radio warned drivers tonight that there would be "areas of thick fog." The weather forecast for East Germany was: "Continuation of fog and mist."—Reuter.

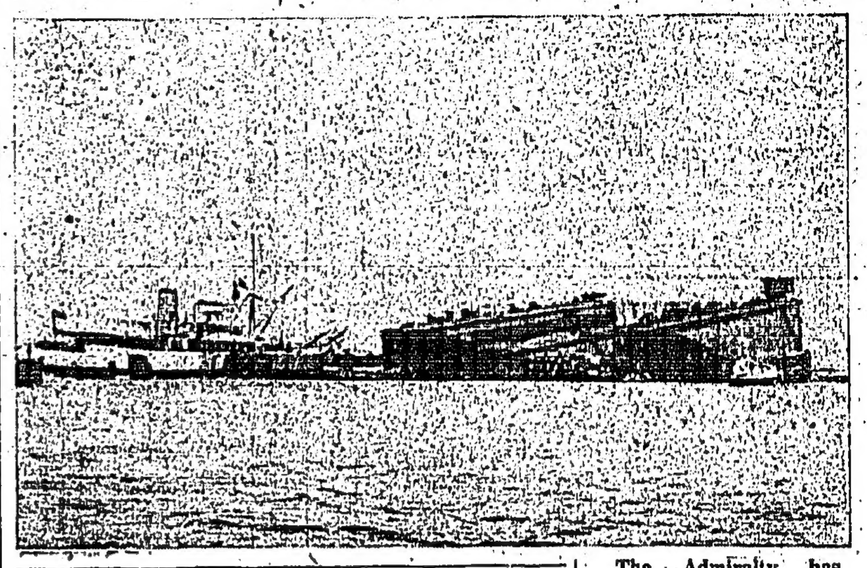
## FIRST VICTIM

Tokyo Dec. 7.

The first victim this season among mountain climbers scaling snow covered Mount Fuji was reported today.

One of three climbers, Tadaaki Kato, 20, fell and rolled to his death.—Reuter.

## Sunken Floating Dock Salvaged



**The Admiralty has succeeded in the first part of a major salvage feat at Singapore by the raising of the first 360-foot section of the giant Singapore Floating Dock which has been submerged since bombed by American aircraft during World War II.—London Express.**

## Unrest Flares Up In Tunisia

Paris, Dec. 7.

**Unrest flared in French North Africa today in the wake of the gangland style murder of the acting leader of Tunisia's nationalists.**

Shots were exchanged in the heart of Tunis between police and an angry mob of 800 trying to march on the French Residency.

In Casablanca, in French Morocco, the Communist-dominated General Confederation of Labour called a general strike as terrorists exploded two bombs.

Tunisia was under martial law, with a 2000 to 0600 curfew, and heavily-armed police and soldiers were patrolling the streets following the slaying of Ferhad Hached, 38-year-old leader of the most powerful labour union in the Moslem world and nominal leader of the Neo-Destour movement.

Hached's battered, bullet-ridden body was found on Friday on the roadside south of the capital.

Communications between Tunis and Paris were held up for five hours after correspondents filed their first dispatches on the street rioting there today.

CALM RESTORED

Later reports from French officials said two students and one policeman were slightly injured. The capital was completely calm tonight.

Two more Tunisian leaders were taken into custody and shipped to a spot in Southern Tunisia, joining some 15 others rounded up on Friday as the authorities removed nationalist leaders to prevent further incidents.

An official French report from Tunis said the police returned fire when a mob streaming out of the Grand Mosque opened fire as they tried to force their way to the French Residency.

Tunisians trying to leave the Arab Medina quarter were stopped and required to show their identification papers and similar controls were in effect elsewhere in the troubled protectorate.—United Press.

MURDER STORY

Tunis, Dec. 7.

A witness in the Ferhad Hached murder case said today that the Trade Union leader, Ferhad Hached, was driven off to a hospital in a car alleged to have contained two or three persons dressed in European clothes after Hached's own car had crashed into a ditch as the result of a gun attack from a passing car.

The witness, Abbret Harra, a Tunis tramways truck driver, said he left Tunis depot early last Friday morning to take a lorryload of workers to working areas. On his return, he said, when two French employees were still riding at the rear of his lorry, he said he saw an oncoming passenger car which swerved sharply and crashed into a ditch at the side of the road.

The witness said that at the same time another car passed the wrecked car, but, that he heard no sots fired at Hached's car.

The truck driver then said he saw well dressed man emerged from the smashed car and signalled him to stop. Although slightly bent-over, the man did not appear to have any injuries and Harra said that it seemed as if the driver of the passenger car had been thrown hard against the steering wheel by the force of the crash.

The man who was later discovered to have been Ferhad Hached then asked the truck driver in French if he could be taken to the Sadiki Hospital in Tunis and climbed up besides the driver.

A private car then arrived at the scene of the incident and Hached saying it would be quicker for him to take a faster car, climbed into the back seat of the private car.

Later, when the driver learned that the attack had been made on Hached, he returned to the scene of the accident and found the driver's seat of the passenger covered with blood and the body of the car riddled with 25 bullet holes.—France-Presse.

## Union Troops Retake Post

Paris, Dec. 7.

France-Vietnamese troops today reoccupied the French post of Yen Cuha about 60 miles south of Hanoi which Vietminh captured early yesterday, the French Press Agency reported from Hanoi tonight.

The French Union Forces met no resistance. They found the bodies of 13 French and Vietnamese in the post which had been abandoned by a force of 50.

More than 200 Vietminh were killed in their attack on the post yesterday.—Reuter.

## Cupid Works Overtime

Colombo, Dec. 7.

Cupid has been busier than ever last year in Ceylon and even a man of 94 and a woman of 69 succumbed to his darts.

Romance was so much in the air that not only were there some 2,000 more marriages in 1951 than in the previous year, but Ceylon topped a whole list of countries in the marriage rate with a figure of 13.4 per 1,000.

Nearest to her record was the United States with a rate of 10.5 per 1,000. Australia and Canada came next with 9.2, New Zealand was 8.9 and the United Kingdom had 8.2. Ceylon's total number of marriages during the year was 53,613.

The bride of 69 years and the bridegroom of 94 were parties to general marriages. The youngest bridegroom was 16 years old and the youngest bride 12 years. Inter-racial romances had resulted in 900 marriages while in 1950 there were only 753 such marriages.

On the other side of the picture, there were more divorces last year than in 1950. General marriages dissolved were 544 compared with 487 in 1950. The divorce rate was very heavy among Kandyan, Sinhalese and Muslims, but in both cases the rates have been declining progressively during the last five years.—United Press.

## "Strong Man" In Britain

General Sir Gerald Templer, British High Commissioner for Malaya, seen as he arrived at London Airport last week. He has reported to the British Government on the anti-bandit campaign and made an optimistic statement to the Press on the Malayan outlook.—Central Press Photo.

## Reds Take Over Churches For Military Use

Vienna, Dec. 7.

Thirty - two Catholic churches in that part of Hungary bordering on Austria and Yugoslavia have been requisitioned for military purposes on orders from the Soviet military authorities, according to the Catholic Church News Service here.

The Catholic Church News Service claimed that the churches were to house radar apparatus. It also said that the Cathedral at Pecs in south Hungary, had been taken over and its tower was being adapted for military purposes.

Other churches in the frontier area had been turned into cinemas for the troops, it said.—Reuter.

## TEL AVIV REJECTS DEMAND

Jerusalem, Dec. 7.

The Israeli Government today rejected yesterday's Czechoslovak note demanding the recall of its Minister in Prague, Dr Arieh Koubovi.

Yesterday, the Czech Foreign Minister handed the Israel Charge d'Affaires in Prague a note accusing Koubovi of activities directed against the State, espionage and conspiracy with Rudolf Slansky, who was executed last week with 10 other former Communist leaders.

Eight of the ten were Jews.

An Israeli spokesman said a note refuting the allegations would be sent to the Czech authorities.

Referring to the question of Jewish emigration from Czechoslovakia, which figured in the Prague spy trial, the spokesman said that a few days before the trial President Gottwald assured Israel that 3,800 Jews would be allowed to emigrate to Israel.

The spokesman added that the Israeli note to the Czechs would also deal with the anti-Jewish nature of the trial.

Dr Koubovi is in Israel after being recalled to report on the trials.—Reuter.

## British Tank Unit In Korea

Pusan, Dec. 7.

Tank personnel of the First Royal Tank Regiment arrived here yesterday aboard the troopship Empire Halldale after a five-week journey from Great Britain.

The Regiment will take over Centurion tanks used by a British tank unit which is completing its tour in Korea, a British Information Officer said.

Lieutenant-Colonel G. C. Hopkinson commands the First Royal Tank Regiment.

Mr W. C. Graham, British Minister in Korea, and other officials welcomed the men when the troopship docked at Pusan.

The dockside was decorated with flags of the United Nations.

Mr Graham told the Regiment: "You are going to join a wonderful division (the First British Commonwealth) which stands second to none in the Eighth U. S. Army in Korea and I am sure you will maintain and enhance the reputation of the units that have gone before you."—Associated Press.

## Want To Be Included

Montego Bay, Dec. 7.

The four-power Caribbean Commission has decided to invite the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation to include the Caribbean area in its present world survey of potential pulp and paper production.

The Commission set up in 1946 to advise Britain, the United States, France and the Netherlands on social and economic problems in the region took the decision before ending its 15th meeting here.

The Food and Agricultural Organisation has already said that it would be willing to survey the sugar-producing countries served by the Commission, since it regards bagasse (the refuse products in sugar making) as a raw material within the scope of its present surveys. The four metropolitan governments must approve the Commission's invitation.—Reuter.

## Longevity Recipe

New York, Dec. 7.

Ten cigars and ten hours' work a day and a glass of whisky every night is the recipe for long life offered by Dr Maurice Lewi, a college president, at Long Island University, New York, who is 95.

# European Women In The Tropics: Doctor's Advice

Singapore, Dec. 7.

A Singapore doctor has had some harsh things to say about European women here who think that they are suffering from tropical neurasthenia — or nervous exhaustion in the tropics.

Welsh-born Dr J. D. Llewellyn-Jones told a Malayan radio audience that tropical neurasthenia might be called the disease of "being a long way from Mum."

He also said that allowances should be made for the heads of Eastern firms, who had contracted "Number One's Neurosis" or the "Commanding Officer's Complex."

Dr Llewellyn-Jones, broadcasting over Radio Malaya as the Radio Doctor, said that women suffering from tropical neurasthenia would get cured more rapidly and at less expense if they would stop pestering their doctor and take up a job or a hobby.

"Tropical neurasthenia", he said, is not a disease but an attitude of mind, and added: "It affects almost exclusively European women. They come out here, they see, they sweat, they say that it is too hot, they complain, they go home, they complain and want to go back."

Meanwhile, Dr Llewellyn-Jones continued, their husbands become irritable, morose and uncertain, and their work suffers.

Doctors prescribe treatment ranging from injections to pills for "tropical neurasthenia"—and cures are rare, for to many people living in Europe, the East has a mysterious glamour, linked with such names as Somerset Maugham and Fu Man Chu.

### GET FED UP

Women, he said, "arrive here expecting to find themselves surrounded by verandahs, gin slings and silent-footed servants; no work; no worry; good pay; good housing. And what do they find? They find that housing is short and often they have to live in poor surroundings.

"They find that their husbands often have to work pretty hard and long. They find that they have servants, but they cannot bother to learn enough Malay to talk to them. They find that they don't know what to do with themselves.

"And they start thinking. They suddenly realise that they are 7,000 miles in space from Mum, Aunt Edith, their suburb and their friends. They are in a strange land and they don't want to understand it. So they get fed up, irritable, bored, tired and are sent to the doctor."

In extreme cases, Dr Llewellyn - Jones continued, women induce their husbands to send them home. There they are lionised for a while as they regale their neighbours with tales of life East of Suez.

But the neighbours get bored, the women miss their husbands, Winter and coal shortages freeze them, they long for a warm climate, and sooner or later they ask to return to the East.

### CYCLE COMPLETE

"The cycle is complete," he declared. "And usually the second time they come to Malaya, they enjoy themselves.

"My advice is this: stop pestering your doctor, stop saying that 'Mum is a long way away', stop moaning that you want to go home.

"Get a job or have a hobby and your tropical neurasthenia will disappear with more speed and less cost than by spending your mornings in a doctor's waiting room with one eye on his consulting room door and the other on the next boat to Tilbury.

Speaking of men who suffer from "Commanding Officer's Complex" or "The Master's Malady", Dr Llewellyn-Jones said that in Malaya this disease is found among the heads of firms of all races.

"It could, I suppose, be called 'Number One's Neurosis,'" he added.

"One transient said that Malaya was a first-class place for second-class people. I think that is a slander, but I think the element of truth in it is to be found among those who suffer from tropical neurasthenia and 'Number One's Neurosis'."—Reuter.

## Chaplins In Switzerland

Geneva, Dec. 7.

Charlie Chaplin and his wife, Oona, last night visited two schools at Gstaad, where his two eldest children might be sent.

Charlie, who arrived here last Tuesday, said his four children would be joining him in about a fortnight.

So far he has not informed either school of his decision.

Harry Crocker, Charlie's secretary, said at a Lausanne hotel that he had been told there was nothing to say about Hollywood reports that Oona had taken $5,000,000 from America during a secret visit and transferred it to an English bank.—Reuter.

## Profits For Government

Bangkok, Dec. 7.

Millions in profits from sale of free rice, which at present gets into private pockets, will go to the Government if Thailand put an end to the "inducement" system next year.

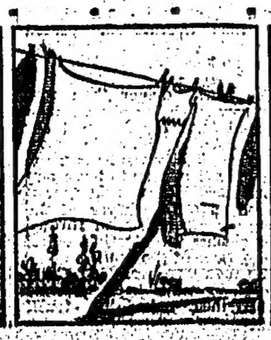
It is reported that the Government is considering a Burmese plan whereby deficit countries would be allocated part of their requirements to be purchased on a government-to-government basis.

Thereafter, deficit countries would tender for additional requirements, the higher prices going to the Government instead of private enterprise.—Associated Press.



POP


Pegging out



# Marty To Be Expelled

## French Red Leaders In Trouble

Paris, Dec. 7.

**The French Communist Party Central Committee today stripped Andre Marty and Charles Tillon of all functions in the party, and prepared to expel Marty from the organisation.**

Both Marty and Tillon, long prominent in French Communist circles, were removed from the Politburo recently but were retained in the Central Committee pending some "auto-criticism".

Neither, however, came through as expected with this self-criticism. Marty, stormy veteran of riot and revolt, even answered back with a pair of open letters, on Nov. 2 and Dec. 2, denying the charges of deviationism.

The Central Committee unanimously requested Marty's cell to examine his case—an obvious preliminary to his expulsion. The committee's communique said the question of Marty's continued membership in the party had been raised because of "actions contrary to the principles, policy and discipline of the party, and his connection with police elements."

The decision on Tillon, former Minister for the Air Force in a pre-1947 coalition Cabinet, merely stripped him of all posts in the party.

**ANOTHER CHANCE?**

There was no request for his cell to study his case.

Apparently, the committee decided to give Tillon another chance to renounce his past fractionalism." Up to now, Tillon has kept silent. He has not sought to reply in public to criticism from party leaders.

Both Marty and Tillon were criticised further today for their refusal to attend the Central Committee session after being summoned to hear accusations against them.

Both have been in disgrace for their opposition to the current popular front or "be friends with the non-Communist left" line. They favour the older "direct action" tactics.—Associated Press.

# Ships May Be Salvaged

Tokyo, Dec. 7.

The Japanese Transportation Ministry announced today it will send a 60-men salvage team to the Philippines to investigate possibilities of raising some of the 184 Japanese vessels sunk in that area during the war.

Most of the ships, both warships and merchant ships, were thought to be in too deep water for salvage, however.

The team of civilian experts will leave late this month, and expects to complete the job in about two months, Kyodo News Agency said.—Associated Press.

# Tense Meeting Of Italian Parliament

## SESSION SUSPENDED BY THE SPEAKER

Rome, Dec. 7.

**The Acting Speaker of the Italian Chamber of Deputies tonight suspended an extraordinary session on the House when a Left-wing Socialist defied him.**

The tense, packed chamber had met to discuss the Electoral Reform Bill, which is designed to give a working majority to whichever bloc of parties polls most votes in next Spring's general election.

It is aimed at what the Government calls "Communist obstructionism." A discussion connected with this bill led to a brawl last Thursday.

Tonight, Deputy Lizzadri, of the Communist-allied Socialists, alleged that the rules of procedure had been amended by the Christian Democrats (the Government).

The Acting Speaker called this "an insult to the House" and asked Lizzadri to withdraw. Lizzadri refused.

The Chamber voted by show of hands to expel Lizzadri.

When ushers neared his seat to escort him to the lobbies, colleagues closed grimly around him.

**A MANOEUVRE**

To avoid a repetition of last Thursday's scene the Speaker then suspended the session.

By agreeing to substitute a reprimand for expulsion of Lizzadri, the Chamber was able to resume business after nearly two hours.

Observers believed Lizzadri's action was part of a left-wing manoeuvre to delay the debate.

Tonight's session is the second round of a fight which will almost certainly reduce the Communists and their Socialist allies to a noisy but ineffective Parliamentary minority.

The new bill, hurriedly drafted with an eye to next Spring's general elections, should increase the Christian Democrats' seats to ensure them an absolutely safe majority.—Reuter.

**FASCIST MENACE**

Rome, Dec. 7.

Italy's Parliament is rushing work on a plan to remove former Fascist leaders from the ballot of the Neo-Fascist movement for the 1953 elections.

The law must be passed by December 31. Otherwise, the Neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI) can go to the polls next year headed by such leaders as the fabulously wealthy Roman Prince Valero Borghese and grizzled ex-Marshal Rodolfo Graziani.

To block out such potential right wing vote-drawers, the new law would extend for five more years the expiring constitutional ban against Mussolini's former stalwarts holding office or voting.

The law was approved on Friday night by a Chamber of Deputies Committee and will be rushed to a vote in the Chamber and Senate.

The MSI rocketed up from far behind to third place in the complex Italian political scene in local elections this year. It claims half a million more of its members, now ineligible to vote, will swell its ballots in 1953, along with another half million young voters going to the polls for the first time.

**MAY BE TRUE**

Both the Government majority Christian Democrat Party and the strong Communist-Socialist Party have begun to wonder seriously if the claim may not be true.

"We will have 8,000,000 votes in 1953, and will put more than 100 of our members in the Chamber of Deputies," was the promise of silver-haired Augusto de Marsanich, Secretary of the Party.

The MSI now has only five Deputies.

Lean, wiry de Marsanich, himself banned from office as Mussolini's Under-Secretary of Posts and Telegraphs, has been "front man" for the Party.

But powerful behind the scenes are Graziani, stripped of his decorations but not of his appeal to many Italians, and the handsome young Prince Borghese, Italian submarine hero of World War II.—Associated Press.

# New-Born Baby Under Car

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 6.

A new-born baby was discovered under a motor-car on a busy street here tonight.

The baby, which was rushed to a hospital in apparently good condition, was found by a Coast Guard sailor and his girl friend. The mother could not be found.

Police said the unidentified sailor wrapped the infant in his kerchief and called for help. Hundreds of shoppers immediately crowded around.

Detectives said a search for the mother was started immediately after doctors told them she would require medical treatment.—United Press.

# Labour Win In Victoria

Sydney, Dec. 7.

The Labour Party won a landslide victory in yesterday's elections in the State of Victoria. It was the Party's first victory in Victoria and suggested that Labour, which lost the Federal elections in 1951, is growing stronger for the next test in the Spring of 1954.

In the new State Legislative Assembly, Labour will have a clear majority of at least 33 seats, and possibly 37, of a total of 65. The Party held on to the 24 it had before and won seven from the Liberal-Country Party group plus two from the Country Party, which had governed Victoria since 1950 with Labour support. Five seats remained in doubt, with Labour favoured to take four.

A Liberal-Country Party coalition rules the Federal Government under Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies, a Liberal.—Associated Press.

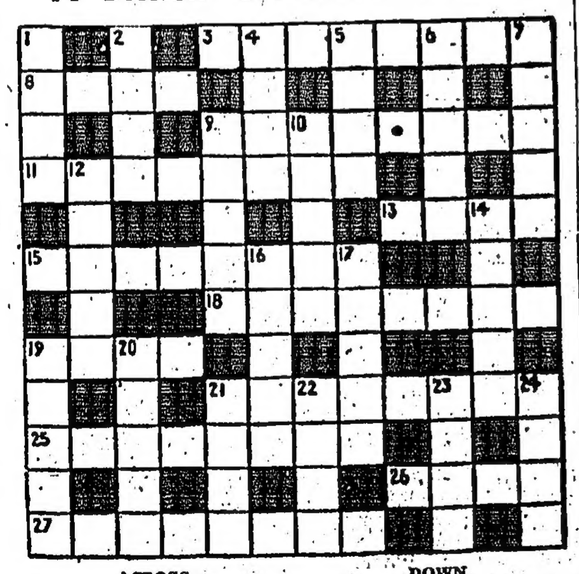
# 400 Mourners At Dog's Funeral

New York, Dec. 7.

Four hundred mourners attended the funeral of Nightlife, a bartender's mongrel dog, at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

There were 80 cars in the procession and scores of wreaths. The dog used to tour the city's night resorts.

# A British Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**

3 Consoling (8).
8 Entreat (4).
9 Sent (8).
11 Kept (8).
13 Military force (4).
15 Granted (8).
18 Envelop (8).
19 Slave (4).
21 Left (8).
25 Liberated (8).
26 Conspiracy (4).
27 Scatter (8).

**DOWN**

1 Urge (4).
2 Tight (4).
4 Sign (4).
5 Sour (4).
6 Bury (5).
7 Dizzy (5).
9 Gets up (5).
10 Measuring device (5).
12 Wear away (5).
14 Cut fine (5).
16 Gulls (5).
17 Fear (5).
19 Piece torn off (5).
20 Records (5).
21 Venture (4).
22 Seats in church (4).
23 Narrative (4).
24 Tax (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Propel. 4 Cocks. 7 Adequate. 8 Doped. 9 Demean. 11 Esteems. 13 Intrude. 15 Legend. 18 Spent. 19 Recorded. 20 Padre. 21 Sleeve. Down: 1 Plaid. 2 Piqué. 3 Learned. 4 Credit. 5 Complete. 6 Sheds. 10 Muttered. 12 Selects. 13 Insiep. 14 Untrue. 16 Gorge. 17 Dodge.

# Flag & Bunting Makers Having A Busy Time

Orders from towns, cities, villages, organisations and official bodies for coats of arms, flags and bunting for next year's Coronation, promise a Winter and Spring of hard work for the factories. Seen here is a heraldic artist, Mr G. W. Valentine, as he paints a Coat of Arms which has been especially ordered for the Coronation celebrations.—Express Photo.

# U.S. Government Clarifies Stand On Oil Issue

Washington, Dec. 7.

**The American Government's statement yesterday on its attitude to American purchases of Persian oil made an opening for American companies to seek some means of getting Persian oil production restarted, official quarters here believe.**

But the Government had made it clear that any move would have to be made with the prior approval of the British, these sources said.

The Government statement was by no means a "green light" for American companies to act independently in the situation, the sources stressed.

The State Department, issuing the first official statement of the American Government's attitude, said that "such individuals or firms as may be considering purchases of oil" from Persia must make their own decisions at the risk of legal entanglement with the British.

The sources pointed out today that at the beginning of the Persian dispute, seven major American oil companies capable of conducting operations in Persia had agreed after consultations with the State Department that they would not interfere in the situation.

These sources said that as far as it was known no major companies were contemplating moving oil from Persia, though several small companies had shown interest in the market.

The Government statement indicated a modified attitude which could make it possible for companies to operate provided they worked in close co-operation with the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company—which claims rights to its nationalised holdings in Persia.

The sources described the statement as "a firm warning" to American companies of the risk of legal action but said it was made clear that companies could enter the Persian market if they wanted to.—Reuter.

**TEST CASE**

Aden, Dec. 7.

Britain's oil dispute with Persia enters a new phase this week when the Aden Supreme Court opens a test case over the ownership of 780 tons of Abadan oil in the Italian tanker Rose Mary.

Sir Hartley Shawcross, former Attorney General, will represent the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company in an action against the former masters, owners and charterers of the 632-ton Rose Mary.

The vessel was detained last June when carrying oil from Persia. The Rose Mary was carrying the first bulk cargo of oil to be brought out of Persia after the Abadan oilfields were nationalised.

The value of the oil cargo is placed at £5,300 and was destined for Italy.

Anglo-Iranian contests the Persian claim to the right to dispose of the oil and the case will decide by implication who owns the oil still at Abadan.

The former master of the Rose Mary is Captain Giuseppe Jaffrail. The owners are the Compania de Navegacion Terezia registered at Panama and the charterers the Ruzenberg Company of Spiez, Switzerland.—Reuter.

# Closing The Ranks In Egypt

Cairo, Dec. 7.

**The Egyptian Premier, General Mohamed Naguib, announced tonight that he will call a conference shortly of all political leaders to discuss "the supreme interests of the nation."**

He said: "We are striving to wipe out past dissensions and close ranks."

No date has been fixed for the conference.

Mustafa El Nahas, former Leader of the Wafd Party, called on General Naguib last night and talked with him for half an hour. Ibrahim Farag, Acting-Secretary-General of the Wafd Party, was with him.

General Naguib invited Nahas and other former Prime Ministers and statesmen to a military parade here yesterday.

Nahas, who gave up leadership of the Wafd Party under General Naguib's "purge or dissolve" order to the political parties, told reporters after the visit: "All is good."

General Naguib today returned the courtesy call paid by Mustafa El Nahas. He stayed at Nahas's garden city home for half an hour, and also met the other leaders. On leaving, he was cheered by Wafdist youths, who had gathered outside.

Egypt's political leaders, released this week-end after almost three months' detention, were reported yesterday to have "buried the hatchet" and pledged support to Naguib's Government.

Their release has been welcomed by the public as heralding an era of freedom and co-operation.—Reuter.

# STAFF CUTS SUGGESTED

Washington, Dec. 7.

The two senior members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said yesterday that U.S. diplomatic and Mutual Security staffs abroad are too big and should be reduced.

They are Senators Tom Connally (Democrat-Texas) and Alexander Wiley (Republican-Wisconsin).

Coincident with their statements, a Senate-House Committee reported there are 184,922 American civilians working for various Federal agencies abroad. This is 9,186 less than four years ago.—Associated Press.

# Recluse Takes His First Bath In 10 Years

Treviglio, Dec. 7.

**Giuseppe Cattaneo, 60, took his first bath in 10 years today after coming to the surface from his home in a disused sewer.**

**Workmen discovered Cattaneo crouching on a pile of straw surrounded by a stool, empty packing cases, cooking utensils and a faded picture of a woman.**

**He wore sackcloth and his beard covered most of his chest.**

**He told his liberators that he moved into the sewer when the landlord evicted him in 1942. He lived on what he stole from tramps in the area.—Reuter.**

# Advertising On Clouds

Singapore, Dec. 7.

Singapore may soon have advertisements projected onto low-lying clouds by high-powered cinema projectors.

An application by a Singapore firm to advertise soft drinks by projecting magic lantern slides on clouds is under consideration by the Government.

Initially, it is understood, the Civil Aviation Department has made no objection on grounds that any steady beacon is an aid to navigation.—Associated Press.

# Received By Pope

Vatican City, Dec. 7.

Pope Pius today received in audience Msgr. John Kavanagh, Apostolic Administrator of Dunedin, New Zealand, and Msgr. Gestaldo Romualdo Gerardo Mongeau, Prelate Nullius of Cotabato and Sulu in the Philippines.—Associated Press.

# JAPAN STILL POWER IN THE WORLD

## Tokyo Position Analysed By British Journalist

London, Dec. 7.

**Japan is still a power to be reckoned with, for her strategic position makes her as essential for the defence plans of America as the British Isles, Mr Patrick O'Donovan, roving reporter of the influential Sunday Observer, said today.**

Japan would not be a military power of importance for many years, but her tolerance of Western plans was as important today as a military alliance.

Mr O'Donovan said there were few things Japan could not make if she was given the raw materials and designs, and it was absurd to think of her as a cheap-jack producer of goods.

Restrictive practices aimed at her could only have an evil effect in the long run. Japan was bound to the West at present by solid and obvious self-interest and it was to the West's advantage to keep her that way.

Western dealings with Japan would be appreciated if they were based on a realistic relationship between sovereign peoples—whose interests often coincided.

Japan's judgment would be severely practical, and the West had to produce results and offer opportunities as good as Asian Communism could.

The Communists were the best organised and perhaps the only really coherent political group in Japan. They were defeated at the last election but any economic reverse or obvious involvement with American military dangers could restore their strength.

The old Nationalists still obtained wide and uncritical support and it was true that Democracy was not a sturdy growth. Japan was still run by back-room organisers.

But these and other dangers that beset Western relations with Japan could be met by a reasonable policy towards her.—Reuter.

**TOYNBEE'S VIEW**

London, Dec. 7.

The noted historian, Professor Arnold Toynbee, said tonight that if the Japanese were free to go their own way, they might succumb to Communism for the same reason as China.

Professor Toynbee, who was speaking about the "Far East and the West" in a broadcast, said that what made the fortune of Communism in China was "not, so far as one can make out, any great positive love for Communism so much as a complete disillusionment with the Kuomintang's performance in its attempt to govern China on Western lines."

He added: "In both Japan and China today there are two factors telling in Communism's favour. First, this disillusionment with past experience and, second, the pressure of a rapidly growing population on the means of subsistence — a pressure which as we noticed last week is also a menace to the present regime in India".—France-Presse.

# AFRICAN FEDERATION PROPOSAL

Salisbury, Dec. 7.

The Federation of six British territories in East and Central Africa, with a population of 26,000,000, was proposed today by the Capricorn Africa Society, formed by prominent Europeans and Africans.

The areas are Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika, covering between them a million square miles.

The proposals, termed "The Capricorn Declarations", are aimed at binding them into one self-governing federation under the British Crown to "promote the spiritual, economic, cultural and political progress of the African."

The Society said that the proposals would have to be considered by a convention to which it would submit plans for a federal constitution and in detail its policy of race relations.

The British Government has already plans in hand for the Federation of Nyasaland and the two Rhodesias, and the Capricorn Africa Society believes that these should go ahead and precede the wider scheme it put forward.

Africans in the six areas number about 25,000,000. European 264,000, Indian 207,500, Arabs 28,500 and Goanese 28,000.—Reuter.

Vienna, Dec. 7.

Declaring that an actor taking the part of a Soviet soldier was "too fat and likely to arouse ridicule" the Russians in Vienna banned an Austrian film, "April the First, 2,000," which humorously protests at the occupation in the Soviet zone.

## Dr. MARIE STOPES AND THAT LOWER MARRIAGE AGE...

And here we have Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Brown leaving school ten minutes early to get their husbands' dinners

London Express Service

# POLITICAL PASTS APPEAR ON THE CRIME SHEET

## FRANK MORAES

**who is editor of the Times of India in Bombay, concludes his special description of what he saw on a mission to Red China.**

SAID the Briton who has lived in China for 30 years: "The Chinese will, of course, always be Chinese."

And then he went on:—"They are individualists, but they are also amenable to discipline. They could be organised easily. If Mao's regime lasts another 20 years, a generation will grow in China which thinks, talks, and does nothing but Communism."

That is precisely what the regime sets out to do.

In Shanghai I visited the remnant band of the old China hands who, over optimistically, had decided to stay on and do business. Quite plainly they were disillusioned.

Always it is easy to be wise after the event, and looking back one can appreciate the quite logical reasons which governed their decision to stay.

Among the first things the Communists did was to open up communications. They also concentrated on controlling their currency.

Both these developments indicated a desire to restore normal trade, and, indeed, the Communists seemed at first anxious to do business.

### Nobody safe

THEIR change of attitude coincides roughly with the opening of the Korean war in June 1950.

It was after this that the first hint of the San Fan and Wu Fan movements, directed against corruption, waste, and bribery in party, government and commercial circles, was bruited.

*San Fan* was confined to a clean-up in the party and the Government. *Wu Fan* was the commercial counterpart.

Nobody was safe. No one had the right to protect his thoughts from the public gaze. Son testified against father, wife against husband, workers against their employers.

The guilty were called upon to confess. There followed a great beating of breasts. Those who refused to confess were placed on trial. Four death sentences were passed, and three of these were passed on veteran Communists.

Many Liberals lift incredulous eyebrows when you tell them that over 2,000,000 people have been liquidated in the three years since Mao has come to power.

But the Communists themselves admit it. Po Yi-po, China's Minister of Finance, wrote in the Cominform journal: "In the past three years we have liquidated more than two million bandits. Bandits are non-existent in China now."

### The doomed

IN China the term banditry, like charity, covers a multitude of sins.

It includes the activities of anyone from opponents of the regime to missionaries, devotionists, persons guilty of listening to the Voice of America radio, Kuomintang Party members, anti-Communists, embezzlers, thieves, and murderers.

Their execution is public, and generally the doomed are paraded around the chief highways wearing a placard round their necks on which their crimes are inscribed.

If there are mass trials there are also mass executions.

At Tientsin we were shown a film of the great mass trial at Peking, when two out of seven accused were sentenced to death.

It was like a Roman carnival in the days of Nero. A vast mass of people faced a mammoth open-air dais where the judges of the Supreme Court were seated.

The accused, manacled hand and foot, were hustled to the front of the platform between armed guards.

They stood cowering before the howling mob. "Sha! Sha!" ("Death Death!") yelled the mob, led by cheer leaders.

I attended more than one trial at a People's Court. One of the most interesting was the trial of a woman murderess known as the Tigress of Shanghai. She had beaten her maidservant to death, and there was little doubt that she was guilty.

The interesting and significant fact was that among the indictments made in her charge sheet were ONE: that her husband, who had died some years before, was an "imperialist stooge," having worked as foreman in a British factory, where according to the indictment, he had been done to death by the workers; and TWO, that her son, also dead, had been in communication with the Japanese military police during the occupation.

Obviously, the political antecedents or associations of an accused weighed heavily even in a trial for murder.

### No training

JUDGES, I discovered, are appointed not for their knowledge of the law but for their political reliability.

I was surprised to discover that the chief judge of the People's Court at Tientsin had no legal training whatever. In fact, such knowledge and training are not regarded as essential prerequisites to judicial office.

According to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of China, Mao's dictum that "conclusions should only be reached after thorough analysis and investigation" is the beacon light of all justice in Communist China.

In fact, the Chief Justice himself is also a member of the Government and, while we were in China, left Peking for Manchuria on a political mission concerning the national minorities.

Thus the law in China is governed by politics, which in turn are influenced by the economic structure.

AMERICA COLUMN from NEWELL ROGERS

## COUNTING UP THE MONEY

New York.

IN TERMS of money in the bank and in people's pockets, President Eisenhower is going to govern a new kind of America.

After studying income trends, economic experts disclosed that America is becoming a nation of one class—a middle class.

Of course, this did not just happen on election day. The economists went back to 1900 to see what is going on in terms of income to the rich, the poor, and the in-betweens.

**THEIR FINDINGS:** Total income is being divided more evenly than ever before. The richest tenth of the population is getting a smaller share — about 15 percent less than in 1929. And the poorest tenth has doubled *its* share.

Millionaires are not going to vanish next year. Nor will relief rolls. But the trends do show that a bloodless democratic revolution is going on almost unnoticed.

The old saying — the rich get richer and the poor get children — has to be changed for the Eisenhower era.

The rich are getting poorer and the children of the poor richer. Average wage for factory workers is £24 17s. But remember that prices are higher than in Britain.

**INCOME TAX** men are to tour secondary schools and teach the youngsters how to fill in income tax forms.

**TWO STREETS** from Brooklyn police headquarters Government agents raided an illegal still. Its £35,000 equipment was turning out 1,000 gallons of whisky a day. Tax losses to the Government on this drink amounted to more than £6,000 daily.

**BY** electronic beam, a loudspeaker starts warning you to state your business or be off if you go too close to the gates of Fort Knox, Kentucky, and get in the beam's path.

Under the fort, in burglar-proof vaults, the Government stores over £4,000 million worth of gold bars.

**THE MAN** won, but his song lost. Irving Berlin's original "I Like Ike" is sung in the musical "Call Me Madam" now touring the country. But Berlin took it out of the programme as being not quite suitable for President-Elect Eisenhower.

# SICKLE IN THE SAND

## *Neguib is doing all the Kremlin's work*

**SEFTON DELMER** —who reported last week on his meetings with General Neguib and his military coup colleagues—today warns that Egypt is ripening for Communism. "Neguib," he says, "has done more to this end in four months than Farouk's courtiers ever did." **THE QUESTION:**— Can Egypt alone fight the threat?

Cairo.

A WISE man, a shrewd man, a man who would make a superb moral and political guide to the whole Arab world, has just made two remarks to me which General Neguib, Egypt's military boss, would do well to study.

The wise man's name is Sayed Sir Ali Mirghani. He is one of the leaders of opinion in the Sudan. And these are the points he made to me.

The first: "Middle East nations are not strong enough economically or militarily to stand up to the Soviet by themselves.

"The Western world must help them economically with capital, machinery, and technicians; militarily by training and equipping modernised Arab armies and establishing military bases in the Middle East with Western troops."

Which is precisely what Britain, the only major power actively committed in the Middle East, is doing both in Sudan and Egypt, and precisely what Neguib and his junta of brigadiers want to stop us from doing.

The second remark was: "Communist technique is to lead the Arab world to its own destruction. They get us to pull down what exists and then decry whatever we try to put up in its place.

"Their whole aim is to divide the non-Communist world against itself, weaken and undermine it, so that they can eventually dominate it."

### I Approve

"ALAS, they are getting much help from nationalist extremists, who are their unconscious tools. These men should take our old Arab proverb to heart, 'Let him who steps out of hot sand beware lest he step into the fire.'"

All of which is a lesson that Neguib should carefully digest.

Now I admire and sympathise with Neguib in his desire to restore to Egypt's administrative machinery some of the efficient discipline and freedom from corruption it enjoyed when the British were still running it.

I approve highly of his desire to give the country a rest from corrupt and irresponsible politicos who have been exploiting it for the last 30 years.

I am with him in his desire to improve the lot of the millions of Egyptian peasant labourers whose numbers vastly exceed the amount of cultivable soil and whose share of its fruits is correspondingly small.

But by tackling these problems with a soldier's bull-at-a-gate simplicity—even though he has read economics in his lonely desert tent and got a diploma in it — he has done more in the last four months to make Egypt ripe for Communism than all the corrupt courtiers of Farouk in their years of power and intrigue.

I find in Egypt, this time, an atmosphere strangely reminiscent of Budapest, Prague, and Madrid in the early days of Communist power revolutions which I saw there.

Arbitrary price cuts—imposed by Left-wing Nationalist Minister of Supply Antun, with the support of the military — have driven much of the country's food, vegetables, and consumer goods off the open market.

Fertilisers, essential to the country's agriculture, are held up because price cuts make delivery uneconomic.

Military posts guard road forks. They stop all lorries and private cars and ask them what they are carrying. Again and again they confiscate lorries and divert them to some local centre, forcing them to deliver their loads there rather than at the destination for which they are bound.

### Replica

THIS has been happening so frequently to lorries with food and vegetables for the British in the Canal Zone that a Neguib plan to reimpose the blockade surreptitiously was suspected. But I am satisfied it is nothing of the kind—simply part of the chaos common to the whole of the country.

Farmers unable to secure a fair reward for their products, transport workers and middle-men unable to get a fair price for their services, are holding back and selling only on the black market.

At the same time cotton, Egypt's basic agricultural crop, is failing to find buyers in world markets. Textile mills and spinners are on short time.

And all that Neguib's Government has to offer is a copy of Moscow's soak-the-rich slogans.

*It* is no accident that the only bulk buyers of Egyptian cotton at the moment are the Soviet-controlled East Germans. They are deliberately trying to suck Egypt into the Soviet economic orbit by wily long-term barter arrangements.

Experts believe the first wave of Egypt's economic crisis will come to a head in about four months' time.

The Communists have the Moslem Brotherhood and other nationalist extremist organisations through which they can exploit the unemployment and famine looming ahead.

Major General Neguib is going to need all his desert toughness and political cunning to overcome it.

When he has dealt with that crisis there will be another to follow. And each time he will have more enemies to face.

—(London Express Service)

# JACOBY ON BRIDGE

## End Play Can Be Played Very Early

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE end play usually takes place, as the name suggests, at the end of a hand. Sometimes, however, an "end" play may be staged very early. In today's hand, for example, my good friend, Abe Wechsler, produced an end play at the fourth trick.

West opened the king of clubs and then pondered over his best continuation. After some thought, he correctly shifted to the six of hearts. Wechsler won with the king in his own hand and craftily led the ten of spades.

West uneautiously played low, and the ten of spades held the trick. Wechsler next led a low heart and finessed dummy's seven. East had to win the trick and was now end played. If East returned a club, South would discard a diamond while dummy ruffed. If East returned either red suit, dummy would get a free finesse.

If West had gone up with the ace of spades at the third trick, he would have given declarer more trouble. His best return is a heart, and South must refuse the finesse. In fact, South must not finesse in either red suit.

Instead, he must go up with the ace of hearts and run all of his trumps. Declarer reduces to two diamonds and one heart in each hand. East must do likewise, and he is then thrown in with the queen of hearts for a normal end play at the eleventh trick.

NORTH (D) 16
♠ K984
♥ AJ74
♦ AQ63
♣ Q

WEST
♠ A5
♥ 65
♦ 982
♣ AKJ742

EAST
♠ None
♥ Q1098
♦ KJ74
♣ 109653

SOUTH
♠ QJ107632
♥ K32
♦ 105
♣ 8

East-West vul.

| North | East | South | West |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 ♥ | Pass | 1 ♠ | 2 ♣ |
| 2 ♠ | 3 ♣ | 4 ♠ | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |

Opening lead—♣ K

## CARD SENSE

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been:

| North | East | South | West |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 N.T. | 2 Hearts | ? | |

You, South, hold: Spades Q-5-3, Hearts 9-6-4, Diamonds J-9-5-2, Clubs K-9-3. What do you do?

A—Pass. You were going to pass one no-trump, so you needn't fear that you are being talked out of a game. You have a good chance to beat two hearts, but you cannot afford to double.

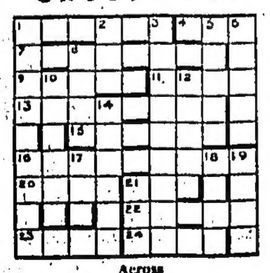
### TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades Q-5-3, Hearts J-9-5-2, Diamonds K-9-3, Clubs 9-6-4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

## DUMB-BELLS


## CROSSWORD



Across
1. Where to square up. (6)
4. A winner from space. (3)
7. It's grand near Liverpool. (5)
9. Baker's hot-houses. (6)
11. A humorous professor's favourite expression. (4)
13. Round sow. (anag.) (8)
16. Term of occupation. (6)
18. Make Alf a bet the tiger lent it. (9)
20. Basement. (4)
21. He's ungentlemanly but . . . (3)
22. . . . divided, he's not. (5)
23. Comes back to live. (4)
24. Deer advice. (4)

Down
1. For winter's sake flown ? (9)
2. Metal container. (3)
3. Abet. (9)
5. Near to a Test cricketer. (5)
6. Post. (5)
8. This rope is guyed. (4)
10. They make their mark. (6)
12. It's ghastly. (5)
14. Let aid be the item in question. (6)
17. Minus seven. (5)
19. When one clue holds it. (4)
20. A place to 6 (4)
21. Divided and broken in 3 (3)

Solution of Saturday's puzzle. Across: 1. Missing; 7. Yawn; 9. March; 11. Sleepy; 13. Tear; 14. Libel; 16. Divest; 18. Jumor; 19. Continual; 21. Bee; 22. Roar; 23. Quarter; 24. Putter; 25. Bad. Down: 1. Mystery; 2. Sweetness; 3. Implicate; 4. Grebe; 5. Ache; 6. Sheltered; 8. Ate; 10. Alive; 12. Rodeo; 15. Blah; 17. Stain; 20. Ner.


"Anybody want the ketchup while it's down at this end of the bottle?"

# • BY • THE • WAY •

## by Beachcomber

### CAT LOST IN ARCTIC

"Wrong Trouser-Leg," says Mayor.

### RICE THROWN AT BREWER

WHILE opening the Caperswick Civil Week the mayor, Alderman Spindle, put his left leg into his right trouser and over-balanced.

He was caught by Mrs Elvesdon, of 8, Gasworks-close, whose two daughters work in a Reading dogs' club. "I'm glad I was there to help," said plucky, forthright Mrs Elvesdon. "It was the wrong trouser-leg," vouchsafed the mayor.

### Interlude

Prudnose: I don't understand why you print this sort of thing. If it is not true, it is utterly pointless. Even if it is true, what is it supposed to show?

Myself: It is news. Mrs Elvesdon will be flattered to see her name in print, the mayor will become more popular with the local people for his good-natured acceptance of an awkward situation, and other papers will be humiliated at having missed the story. Moreover, everyone in the place will scan this column for the next ten years in the hope of seeing himself or his friends referred to.

### In passing

THERE will be considerable caterwauling over the refusal to allow the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation to build a glass-faced skyscraper in the Bois de Boulogne, to set off the Arc de Triomphe. It is so unusual for any opposition to this sort of thing to be successful that other organisations which have up-to-date palaces in view may be momentarily checked. We may even hear no more of the B.B.C. scheme to demolish Portland Place and Regent's Park, and to turn the whole area into a Broadcasting Palace capable of housing a million employees.

# YOUR BIRTHDAY .... By STELLA

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

BORN today, you have a keen interest in all human beings and will want to help everyone who is less fortunate than you are, yourself. You are quick to get at the heart of the matter and seem to know what to do instantly. You do it, too, and don't wait forever to make up your mind. While others are still thinking about a problem, you have the job done! In addition, you have the ability to know when you need to take the lead and when it is better to sit back and wait for someone else to point the way. This is a talent which few have and it can be put to excellent use.

Fond of literature and history, you also have the gift of being able to express your ideas with wit and humour before large groups of people and would make a fine lecturer or public speaker. It is possible that later on in life you may become interested in politics. You would make a forceful and energetic campaigner, especially if the issues were those close to your own heart. You have a good memory for facts as well as faces. Once you have seen a person, you never forget him. This is an excellent asset in public life.

Since your emotions are near the surface, you are apt to display your likes and dislikes violently. Your first impressions are apt to be very definite and you are not likely to change them, either. You are the type, too, to fall head over heels in love—perhaps at first sight. Heed your heart, for it will not betray you. Your home life should be a happy and contented one.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Calm self-control will help if tensions are inclined to mount. Find a way to release them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A fine day for you. Dispatch a difficult job with efficiency. You should be in good spirits.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Matters having to do with publicity, advertising and publishing are all favoured now.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—You can be helpful to members of the younger generation with their school problems just now.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—You might discuss your future plans with a few close friends and get some good suggestions.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Optimism will pay good dividends today. It will set a good example for others, too.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—This is no day to recall an old grudge. Let bygones be bygones. Harmony and peace should reign.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Be sure that if you make requests and ask favours, you can anticipate repaying them later on.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—A day in which loved ones may make demands but you can meet them easily if you really try.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Alertness will pay off today. You may get a suggestion which is well worth following.

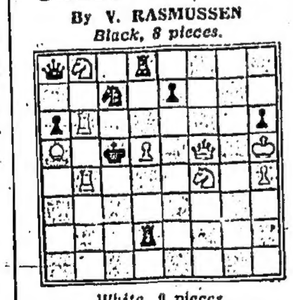
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Be helpful to those who are inexperienced; make valuable suggestions; be co-operative.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—This is a day when an error in your work could cause repercussions later on. Be careful!

## CHESS PROBLEM

By V. RASMUSSEN

*Black, 8 pieces.*



*White, 9 pieces.*
*White to play: mate in two.*

*Solution to Saturday's problem:*
*1, B—Q3; threat 2, R×Q (ch). 1 . . . Q×R; 2, B—K2 (ch); 1 . . . B—Q7; 2, R—Q5; 1 . . . K—K13; 2, R×Q (dbl ch).*

## INTELLIGENCE TEST

### Prime Ministers

By T. O. HARE

"NAME some Prime Ministers" said the Red Queen.

"Oh dear," said Alice, "I can only think of Burke."

"Burke?"

"Burke and Hare."

"She can't do Politics," said the White Queen. "We'll give you a little assistance, child. Here are the names of four Prime Ministers; they've all held office within the last 60 years. THALLMOUR, HOUSGLAD, SINGLEGAD, CAYBLIND. At least, those would be the names if we hadn't scrambled their letters."

"Each name has nine letters," added the Red Queen.

"And the time allowed is three minutes and 23 seconds."

Who are the four Prime Ministers?

(Solution on Page 10)

# WOMANSENSE

## JAMES LAVER and RIX go to a STUDENTS' BALL

. . . and find an answer to the question

### CAN BRAINS HELP OUT WITH BEAUTY?

WOMEN of the kind described as "advanced" and intellectual, do not enjoy a very high reputation when it comes to dress. They are supposed, rightly or wrongly, to think more of the furnishing of the mind than of the clothing of the body.

So it was with some misgiving that Rix and I, in pursuit of our search for the elegant, presented ourselves at a London University Ball the other evening. We wondered gloomily about the women we were to see. Some of them might be surviving pioneers—horrible thought—of Rational Dress, of the divided skirt—even of the Bloomer costume.

Well, none of these apprehensions turned out to have been justified.

### A MISTAKE?

We arrived at the Ball in Mulet Street, Bloomsbury, to find a ballroom full of whirling couples nearly all young, some of them very young.

Now it is extremely difficult to judge a dress that is worn by a very young girl. Is it elegant—or is it merely the accessory of a fresh face and a slim figure?

Perhaps it is even a mistake for a young girl to be too elegant. For elegance implies a certain calculation, a making the best of what one has, or what one still retains.

It is nearly always unfortunate when a young girl dresses beyond her years and in too sophisticated a manner. There is a recognised jeune fille style, and the young girl should work within its limits. I am not saying that she should put up with badly cut, shapeless and lumpy monstrosities. But badly cut, shapeless and lumpy monstrosities is an accurate description, I am afraid, of one or two of the dresses.

Still, there were plenty of dresses to look at. There was one of cafe au lait taffeta with a ruched bodice and an over-skirt caught up in a series of swags, like a Victorian pelmet, with chocolate-coloured velvet bows. The skirt of course, to get the effect, was very full.

### NOSTALGIA

Indeed most of the skirts were full. The tubular line of which we have heard so much does not seem to have materialised. A Victorian nostalgia seems to hang over women's clothes. Perhaps it is just a way of saying, in the language of Fashion: "I do wish I had someone to wash up."

Oriental dress which in its pure form escapes from fashion altogether, is often so beautiful in itself that it seems a pity to modify it by any concession to the mode of the West. Yet there was one beautiful Chinese girl student who had succeeded in doing so.

She had adopted the full skirt of modern fashion instead of the straight lines of China, but had had it made of emerald green satin; completely plain. And she had relieved its simplicity with an exquisite lace shawl, a simple neck-circlet with pendant stones and an elaborate ornament covering the whole of one ear.

### COSMOPOLITAN

Perhaps one of the advantages of a University ball is its cosmopolitan flavour. A girl of Spanish extraction, or at least of Spanish type, had merely chosen a full mustard yellow skirt with the traditional flounces of the fandango dancer. The English roses (or some of them) and the Scandinavian blondes had kept equally well within their gamut of effects. Good marks to the London University girls. They compared very favourably with some more sophisticated and "fashionable" resorts.

What of the older people? Dignified, as might have been expected, and often chic. We are fortunate in living in an age when it is no longer considered to be a reflection on a woman's intelligence that she should take some interest in her dress. Why, indeed, should she not? All clever women know that an external harmony can be the sign and symptom of a harmony within. And if brains can't help a woman to make the most of herself, what are brains for?



—(London Express Service)

LIKE a Victorian pelmet": a dress in café au lait taffeta, with velvet bows.

ORIENTAL STUDENT wears a perfectly plain emerald green satin dress. The simplicity is relieved by a lace shawl, a single ear ornament, and five graduated tear-shaped pearls on a gold chain necklet.

# Iron Curtain Dims Women's Fashions

Vienna.

Arbiters of fashion behind the Iron Curtain may frown on imitations of Western models but neither have they copied the grey, drab dressmaking of Soviet Russia.

Judging from photographs and occasional articles in the Communist press, dressmakers in Czechoslovakia and Hungary, once noted for their originality, are placing emphasis on strict simplicity in line with Communist politics, while at the same time doing their best to approach Western smartness.

A picture of several Czech models shows one in a becoming subdued grey, woollen costume with a small hat of the same material, another in a simple school-girlish dress and a third in a flowing autumn coat with deep pockets and large collars.

Another photo shows a very conservative young debutante's dress, made of light white material with a tight-fitting collar. Decollete appears to be non-existent.

The models were reported to have been admired greatly at a recent fashion show in Leipzig, where the Czechs stole the first prize from East German, Polish and Hungarian fashion makers.

However, the average Czech, Polish or Rumanian woman has to watch her family budget carefully and can do little more than admire the new styles.

Another difficulty is the prices: "Perlon" stockings and other imitations of nylons cost as much as 1,000 crowns ($20) in Prague. Only shoes are still good and plentiful.

As a result, for most women behind the Iron Curtain the term "autumn" or "spring" fashions has little meaning. For work, she will wear a factory-made "utility" clothes, and for the theatre or party she will dip into her shrinking reserve of pre-war clothes or those dearly bought on the black market after the war.—United Press.

# BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

## Some Signs Don't Need Words

*—For Instance, You Know What a Striped Pole Means—*

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, was saying to his sister Hanid: "Signs are funny things, aren't they?"

Hanid looked at her brother. "Signs are funny things? What do you mean, Knarf?"

"Well," said Knarf, "when you walk down the street, there's a very funny sign that stands in front of a certain store. It's a high pole with red and white stripes on it. The pole usually turns round and round and the stripes seem to turn, too. There's nothing on the pole except just the stripes, but it's a sign all right. And almost everyone knows what it means."

### A Barber Shop

Hanid smiled. "It means there's a barber shop near the sign."

Knarf nodded.

"Aren't there other signs like barber poles, Hanid? I mean signs that haven't any words written on them but that always tell you that a certain kind of store is near by?"

"Well," said Hanid, after thinking for a moment or two, "there really are several other kinds of signs without words."

Knarf wanted to know what they were.

"You can always tell," said Hanid, "where there's a post office on a street. A post office always has a flag hanging out in front. And do you know what two green lights in front of a building mean?"

"What do they mean?" asked Knarf.

"They mean there's a police station there."

### Wasn't A Jewellery Store

"Once," said Knarf, "I saw a store with watches and rings and musical instruments and cameras and other things in the window. But it wasn't a jewellery store, and it wasn't a camera store either, and in front of the door, high over head, were three golden balls."

"Oh," said Hanid, "that was a pawn shop."

Knarf said he didn't know what a pawn shop was.

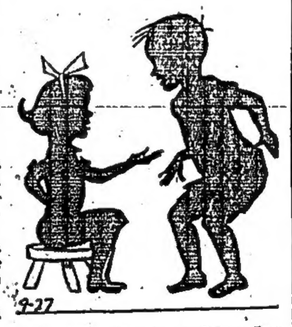
"I'm not quite sure I know either," said Hanid, "but I think it's a place where you bring something that you own, like a ring or a watch or a camera or anything else, and you borrow money. When you pay the money back, you get the watch or the ring or the camera back."

"And," continued Hanid, "there's one very famous sign which you often see going straight across a road, especially a road in the country. It looks like a big gate."

### Railroad Gate

"I know," cried Knarf. "It's a railroad gate. It comes down when a train is passing and it keeps people from crossing the tracks and getting hit."

"But it's really a sign too," said Hanid. "It means RAILROAD CROSSING — WATCH OUT!"



"A post office always has a flag in front," Hanid told Knarf.

"I know another sign," said Knarf, suddenly remembering, "that means STOP and GO."

Hanid knew that, too. It was a traffic light.

"I guess those are about all the signs without words that I can think of," said Hanid.

"No,—there's one more, my dear," a voice from the other side of the room said. It was Mr Punch, sitting in his easy chair by the window and smoking a pipe. "When I was younger, there used to be wooden Indians in front of certain stores. Do you know what kind of stores they were that had these wooden Indians in front of them? They were tobacco stores—stores where you could buy tobacco for a pipe like this. But, alas, all the wooden Indians seem to have disappeared. I'm sorry about that, I like Indians, even wooden ones!"

## Rupert and the Windwhistle—36

Although the three pals know what is going to happen they cannot help feeling scared as the giant wind approaches. Once more they are caught and whirled off the flat top of the tower. Almost at once King Frost's wonder palace is left far behind and Rupert finds himself turning over and over, high above snow-covered mountains, out of the cold light and into darkness. At length another kind of light appears far ahead. "That must be home," gasps Rupert, by now almost breathless.

## SOCCER TEAM OF THE WEEK

The Army Soccer XI earned the title of "Footballers of the Week" when they eliminated Kitchee from the Senior Challenge Shield series in the first round yesterday with a 4-2 victory.

From left to right are:

Back row: Pownall, Wells, Poole, Williams, Adams.

Front row: Allen, Hunt, Casey, Gray, Jerome and Osborne.—China Mail Photo.

# GREAT DISPLAY BY ARMY IN 4-2 CHALLENGE SHIELD VICTORY OVER KITCHEE

By "SPIV"

A rejuvenated Army XI which included four new forwards gave one of the best displays that an Army side has ever given when they eliminated Kitchee by four goals to two in the first round of the Challenge Shield Soccer series yesterday.

Kitchee, who until last week had been at the top of the League table, made a spirited effort in the second half. They recovered from an initial deficit of two goals to draw closer at 2-3 in the second half and with seven minutes left for play staged a desperate all-out offensive, keeping the ball in front of the Army goalmouth for the major part of the seven minutes.

Army, however, playing with a new confidence, not only stopped them from scoring but, contrary to the expectation that they would fall back on the defensive and try to hold on to their one-goal lead, threw all their might into counter-attack in the last minute of play, scoring their fourth goal just before the final whistle came.

**WELL-DESERVED**

It was a well-deserved win for the soldiers, despite the fact that two of their goals came from infringements by the Kitchee defenders.

One was a penalty and the other an indirect kick from inside the goal area.

Theirs was an almost different team in action. There were no haphazard clearances and all the attacking movements were scientifically carried out, with very little wastage in the way of stray passes.

All five forwards combined effectively, with Hunt on the right-wing perhaps the most prominent with his speed, ball-control and varied wing-centres.

Lanky centre-forward Gray gave more than a favourable impression in his first big representative match. A good header, he is also a good opportunist and a powerful kicker.

More should be heard of this forward, who should develop with a little improvement in ball control into one of local soccer's most prolific goal scorers.

Diminutive Osborne,—who moved up to the left-wing position from his usual left-half berth had the crowd for him in his spirited tackling and run-throughs on the wing.

Utilising his small size to good advantage, he time and again had a defender non-plussed by squeezing in between the ball and his opponent.

In Poole, Army have again produced another brilliant centre-half, who, whether in attack or defence, was yesterday ably aided by two equally sound wing-halves in Adams and Wells.

Pownall was another mainstay in the defence with his hard tackling and long clearances.

Williams in goal started rather shakily by conceding an easy one when he fumbled a medium paced 25-yard ground drive from Chau Man-chi, but made up for this with safe handling of the ball in the remaining period of the game.

**UNFORTUNATE**

Kitchee were unfortunate to have two goals scored against them from infringements by their defenders—both of which are on the obstruction rule—but on yesterday's performance they would have still lost the game even without these goals.

Handicapped with their lack of stamina, they had in most of their major games depended on the first 15 minutes of play, which yesterday, only saw them behind by two goals.

Army played to this weakness and also to Kitchee's slowness on the ball. Time and again they were bundled off the ball by Army's first time tacklers and in the air they were no match for the soldiers who held a distinct superiority in this department. Against the Army forwards' ability of varying their attacking tactics, Kitchee were only left with one strategical move—the run-throughs along the centre—which, however, Army were well prepared for.

**THE GOALS**

Army kicked off against the Club end, but it was Kitchee who went first into the attack.

A corner saw Tse Kam-hung first time over the bar, and two successive raids ended in Chau Man-chi sending in weak shots to the goalkeeper.

In the fifth minute Army were awarded a penalty. A high lob from midfield to centre-forward Gray saw him blocked by a couple of defenders. Poole made no mistake with the kick.

Army gradually gained control of the play, showing especially vast improvement in approach work from mid-field and in the 17th minute increased their lead to two goals to nil.

Inside-right Casey gained possession of the ball after a midfield scuffle and sent forward a long through pass which Hunt got to and after making his way along the middle and having the better of Tse Kam-hung in a duel for possession, flicked the ball past the approaching goalkeeper.

Three minutes before the interval, Kitchee reduced the deficit to 1-2. Receiving a pass from midfield, Chau Man-chi drove in a grounder through the packed goalmouth, almost straight to Williams from a 25-yard range. Williams fumbled with the ball and allowed it to slip into the goal. Army led 2-1 at the interval.

Twenty minutes after the resumption Army increased their lead to 3-1 as a result of another infringement. Casey took the indirect kick inside the goal area and tipped it to right-half Adams who first-timed a cross shot past Cheung Koon-hing into the far end of the net.

**NO MISTAKE**

Seven minutes before the end, Poole was penalised for hands and Lee Hung-kee made no mistake with the spot kick.

Kitchee made a continuous series of attacks in the next five minutes but could not get the equaliser.

A great effort by Osborne at left-wing in the last minute of play enabled Army to notch their fourth goal of the day. After working the ball up along the wing, Osborne sent in a low centre, which Gray met with a low header.

This was stopped by Liu Shu-ping at the goal-mouth and the ball rebounded back to Gray whose flick was again stopped, this time by Cheung Koon-hing.

Cheung, however, did not have time to stop Adams' follow-up shot which crashed into the top corner of the net.

**THE TEAMS**

Kitchee: Cheung Koon-hing; Lee Ping-nam, Liu Shu-ping; Luk Tat-hay, Tse Kam-hung, Kwok Shek; Tse Kam-ho, Kwok Yau, Lee Hung-kee, Chau Man-chi, Leung Wing-kwong.

Army: Williams; Pownall, Allen; Adams, Poole, Wells; Hunt, Casey, Gray, Jerome, Osborne.

## FOG INTERFERES WITH FINCHLEY

# Amateur Side Comes Near To Reaching Third Round Of FA Cup Competition

London, Dec. 6.

The unluckiest team in today's English Football Association second round ties was the north London amateur side Finchley, who were leading their professional opponents, Crystal Palace, by three goals to one when fog stopped play 27 minutes from time.

**The match will be played again on the same ground on Wednesday.**

**Not since 1935 has an amateur club reached the third round of this classic competition.**

The other London amateur team, Walthamstow Avenue, held Third Divisioners Watford to a 1-1 draw. They replay at Watford on Wednesday.

**FOG AND FROST**

These were the only games started in London today where fog together with frost wiped out all five League matches.

Conditions were better in other parts of the country, where the only matches affected were Aston Villa vs Cardiff in Division One and Reading vs Queen's Park Rangers in Division Three.

Not even the most enthusiastic Crystal Palace supporters could deny the cruel stroke of fortune which robbed Finchley of victory in a day when non-League clubs suffered an almost total eclipse.

Finchley looked certain to enter the third round when fog became so bad that the referee had no option but to stop the game. He waited five minutes to see if visibility would improve but then abandoned the match.

Finchley would probably meet a reinforced Palace side on Wednesday.

Of the other 11 non-League clubs who contested today's ties only Hereford United survived to play again. Hereford, like Walthamstow, face an away replay. They owed their goalless draw with Scunthorpe to their goalkeeper, who in spite of an early injury gave a superb display, including the saving of a late penalty.

**HOME TEAMS BENEFIT**

Home teams in the League programme benefitted from the difficult conditions. Seventeen of the 22 League matches played resulted in home wins. Four were drawn, and the only away success fell to West Bromwich Albion, who gained a 2-1 victory at Portsmouth.

This enabled them to move into third place in Division One, taking over from Arsenal, whose match against Preston was postponed.

League leaders Wolverhampton, who were foiled by a brilliant goalkeeping display, dropped a point to Tottenham but kept the leadership on goal average.

Sunderland, their closest rivals, were without Trevor Ford, but managed to beat Sheffield Wednesday after being a goal down at half time, and are level with the Wolves on points, each having 28.

West Bromwich have 25 points.

Manchester United, the League champions, scored their first home win since Sept. 13 when they gained a narrow victory over Middlesbrough.

A feature of the Second Division games were the belated victories of Lincoln, Hull and Blackburn.

Birch, signed during the week from Wolverhampton, played a leading role in Lincoln's 3-2 win over Leicester, scoring twice. Lincoln had gone 16 matches without success.

After seven successive defeats Hull returned to form, trouncing Notts County 6-0.

Blackburn's victory was the first since Oct. 11.

The Second Division leadership remains unchanged, both Sheffield United and Huddersfield winning narrowly. They drew away from their rivals, but Nottingham Forest are becoming a threat. They gained an easy win over Bury and in their last five games have scored 19 goals.

**REMARKABLE INCIDENT**

A remarkable incident took place at Bristol between the City and Exeter. Bristol was awarded a penalty but the shot was saved by the goalkeeper Kelly. The referee, however, ordered a retake. Kelly did not appear to approve of the decision and, after being warned, was ordered off. Daly, Exeter's centre-forward, went in goal after a holdup of two minutes but could not save Eisenstrager's shot.

The leading Third Division clubs were all engaged in Cup ties. Bristol Rovers, who head the Southern section, scored a narrow victory over the non-League club Peterborough United, while Grimsby, the Northern leaders, were held by another non-League side, Bath City, until six minutes before the end.

Other non-League clubs did well. Gainsborough Trinity gained a well deserved interval lead, but were outplayed in the second half. Llanelly lost an exciting struggle by the good goal of five at Colchester and Great Yarmouth made Wrexham fight all the way for their 2-1 victory.

The biggest Cup crowd of the day, over 25,000, saw Port Vale beaten 3-0 by Oldham.

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE**

Home clubs enjoyed a successful day in Scotland's A Division. Dundee, who had not scored for four weeks and whose goals total was only nine, obtained six against Partick Thistle, Billy Steel scoring three.

St Mirren were always struggling against a lively Airdrie side. St Mirren were handicapped by the ordering off of their centre half Telfer.

Rangers made the most of a white ball to score four against Aberdeen, whose attack was weak in front of goal, while East Fife, back at the top of the table, also found the white ball to their liking against Third Lanark.—Reuter.

**LEAGUE STANDINGS**

London, Dec. 7.

Football League standings after yesterday's matches were:

Division I

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sunderland | 19 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 32 | 20 | 26 |
| Wolves | 20 | 10 | 8 | 4 | 40 | 29 | 28 |
| West Brom. | 19 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 29 | 19 | 25 |
| Blackpool | 19 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 44 | 31 | 24 |
| Arsenal | 18 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 36 | 24 | 23 |
| Burnley | 19 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 28 | 22 | 23 |
| Preston N.E. | 16 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 31 | 29 | 20 |
| Newcastle | 19 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 30 | 31 | 20 |
| Liverpool | 19 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 34 | 30 | 20 |
| Charlton | 18 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 39 | 36 | 19 |
| Sheffield W. | 19 | 8 | 3 | 8 | 23 | 27 | 19 |
| Tottenham | 20 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 30 | 28 | 18 |
| Middlesbro | 19 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 31 | 29 | 18 |
| Portsmouth | 20 | 8 | 2 | 10 | 33 | 35 | 18 |
| Manchester U. | 19 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 30 | 33 | 18 |
| Bolton | 18 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 24 | 30 | 18 |
| Aston Villa | 18 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 22 | 26 | 17 |
| Cardiff | 17 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 23 | 22 | 15 |
| Chelsea | 19 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 28 | 32 | 14 |
| Derby | 19 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 23 | 27 | 14 |
| Stoke | 20 | 4 | 3 | 13 | 22 | 44 | 11 |
| Manchester C. | 20 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 28 | 45 | 10 |

Division II

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sheffield U. | 21 | 13 | 4 | 4 | 49 | 30 | 30 |
| Huddersfield | 20 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 35 | 12 | 29 |
| Plymouth | 19 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 33 | 22 | 26 |
| Rotherham | 20 | 11 | 2 | 7 | 40 | 30 | 24 |
| Leicester | 20 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 48 | 43 | 24 |
| Luton | 19 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 45 | 28 | 23 |
| Nottingham F. | 20 | 11 | 1 | 8 | 44 | 33 | 23 |
| Birmingham | 20 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 29 | 33 | 23 |
| Fulham | 20 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 38 | 34 | 21 |
| West Ham | 20 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 24 | 24 | 20 |
| Leeds | 20 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 30 | 27 | 19 |
| Swansea | 20 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 35 | 40 | 18 |
| Lincoln | 20 | 4 | 10 | 6 | 29 | 36 | 18 |
| Notts C. | 19 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 26 | 41 | 18 |
| Everton | 19 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 31 | 30 | 17 |
| Hull | 20 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 31 | 34 | 16 |
| Bury | 19 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 23 | 31 | 15 |
| Doncaster | 19 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 24 | 35 | 15 |
| Blackburn | 20 | 5 | 3 | 11 | 24 | 30 | 15 |
| Brentford | 19 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 27 | 40 | 14 |
| Southampton | 21 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 34 | 46 | 13 |
| Barnsley | 19 | 5 | 3 | 11 | 20 | 44 | 13 |

Scottish Division "A"

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| East Fife | 13 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 30 | 25 | 19 |
| St. Mirren | 14 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 24 | 15 | 18 |
| Hibernian | 12 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 32 | 21 | 17 |
| Celtic | 13 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 24 | 19 | 17 |
| Airdrie | 14 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 28 | 27 | 17 |
| Rangers | 10 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 29 | 16 | 14 |
| Aberdeen | 14 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 30 | 33 | 14 |
| Clyde | 14 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 39 | 38 | 13 |
| Partick | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 19 | 21 | 12 |
| Dundee | 11 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 15 | 12 | 11 |
| Hearts | 14 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 22 | 28 | 11 |
| Queen O'S. | 14 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 20 | 31 | 11 |
| Falkirk | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 20 | 31 | 10 |
| Third Lanark | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 24 | 26 | 8 |
| Motherwell | 13 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 19 | 30 | 8 |
| Raith | 13 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 17 | 28 | 6 |

Scottish Division "B"

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ayr | 13 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 40 | 17 | 20 |
| Hamilton | 14 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 33 | 20 | 20 |
| Stirling | 13 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 28 | 18 | 20 |
| Morton | 13 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 47 | 22 | 18 |
| Arbroath | 13 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 30 | 24 | 17 |
| Alloa | 14 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 35 | 36 | 15 |
| Duntermline | 13 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 30 | 20 | 14 |
| Stenhousemuir | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 28 | 27 | 13 |
| Dundee U. | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 23 | 30 | 13 |
| Dumbarton | 14 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 24 | 35 | 12 |
| Kilmarnock | 11 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 21 | 19 | 11 |
| Queen's Park | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 20 | 29 | 11 |
| St. Johnstone | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 16 | 28 | 10 |
| Forfar Athletic | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 17 | 30 | 7 |
| Cowdenbeath | 14 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 13 | 33 | 7 |
| Albion Rovers | 12 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 14 | 30 | 3 |

No League III tables were compiled this week as most clubs were engaged in F.A. Cup Second Round matches.—Reuter.

**FA CUP REPLAYS**

London, Dec. 7.

The FA Cup second round matches which were drawn yesterday will be replayed next week as follows:

Wednesday, December 10.—Chesterfield v. Shrewsbury Town, Ipswich v. Bradford City, Millwall v. Barrow, Watford v. Walthamstow Avenue.

Thursday, December 11.—Scunthorpe United v. Hereford United.

The Finchley—Crystal Palace match, abandoned yesterday after 63 minutes' play owing to fog, will be played again at Finchley on Wednesday, December 10.—Reuter.

# Closing Day At KBGC

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club held its "Green Closing Day" at Austin Road yesterday with a lawn bowls match between the President's team and the Vice-President's. The game ended in a win for the President's team by 16 shots, the final score being 171-156.

Mr A.L.G. Eastman, President of the Club, said that the Club had enjoyed an excellent year and placed third in the League. He congratulated Mr W.C. Simpson and Mr R. Robertson for their outstanding performances on the green and consoled the Club's Second team which had not done as well, saying that it was a "nursery" for the First Division.

Mrs C.E. Terry, wife of the Hon. C.E. Terry, Chairman of the Club, presented the prizes.

After the presentation of prizes, Mr Terry congratulated the members on their foresight in building an extension to the Club.

Mr Terry concluded by thanking Mr G. Volckeart, the architect in charge of the project, and presented him with a small gift in appreciation of his excellent and inspired work.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the ceremony.

**PRIZE WINNERS**

Following is a list of prize winners:

Club Championship and Jubilee Cup.—E. Greenwood (Winner); R.B. Robertson (Runner-up).

President's Prize.—A. Harvey (Winner); G.C. Norman (Runner-up).

Vice-President's Prize. — R. H. Browne (Winner); J. McKelvie (Runner-up).

Handicap Pairs.—G.C. Norman and K.F. Bodle (Winners); Spary and J. Martin (Runners-up).

Handicap Triples.—A. Harvey, G.C. Norman and F. Francis (Winners); J. McKelvie, W.C. Simpson and A. L. G. Eastman (Runners-up).

Non-Prize winners. — F. Francis (Winner); L. Gaddi (Runner-up).

Silver spoons were presented to non-members.

Scores in lawn bowls match were:

| President's Team | | Vice-President's Team | |
|---|---|---|---|
| J. Finne | | E. Poulson | |
| J. Crichton | | E. Wolstenholme | |
| L. Gaddi | | L. S. Silva | |
| R. H. Brown | 15 | J. Tindall | 19 |
| R. C. Butler | | L. Bonga | |
| L. A. Castilho | | S. Beach | |
| W. M. McCall | | U. A. Rumjahn | |
| J. Kinnibugh | 21 | C. C. Pereira | 14 |
| C. Willcox | | J. Saunders | |
| J. S. Howarth | | K. A. Baker | |
| W. J. Howard | | S. H. Strange | |
| E. Greenwood | 17 | B. W. Bradbury | 19 |
| A. A. Black | | G. Mackrieff | |
| E. F. S. Baker | | R. Bailey | |
| E. Francis | 26 | C. E. Passos | 14 |
| A. E. L. Eastman | | L. Miller | |
| G. Volckeart | | A. Hutton | |
| A. J. Joiner | | C. Greaves | |
| R. Morrison | | J. V. Ramsay | |
| R. B. Robertson | 24 | G. Norman | 15 |
| A. Campbell | | F. C. B. Black | |
| J. D. Dewar | | J. Ferguson | |
| R. M. Rumjahn | | G. F. Thomson | |
| W. Hong Sting | 17 | A. Harvey | 18 |
| W. Geall | | G. Hill | |
| L. C. Parker | | W. Russell | |
| C. E. Terry | | D. Trail | |
| H. F. Shields | 25 | K. Boodle | 14 |
| J. Dinnen | | G. S. Ladd | |
| G. Willerton | | A. Buchanan | |
| S. Pollock | | K. M. Omar | |
| F. Goodwin | 15 | W. C. Simpson | 21 |
| F. C. Clemo | | A. Bailey | |
| L. Starbuck | | J. Rowan | |
| F. Marshall | | J. G. Meyer | |
| J. McKelvie | 16 | W. Williamson | 22 |
| Total | 171 | Total | 156 |

## OXFORD MAKE CROSS COUNTRY HISTORY

London, Dec. 6.

Oxford University proved themselves better than Cambridge University and the dense fog in their annual cross country match at Roehampton here today.

For the first time in the history of the race, the first six runners to finish were all Oxford men, so they thus obtained the lowest possible number of place points—21. Cambridge's total was 66.

Chris Chataway, British Olympic runner, winner for the past two years, was this time concerned in a triple deadheat for first place with team mates D. Law and A.J. Weekes-Pearson. Their time was 41 minutes 16.8 seconds for the seven and a half miles course. Fog reduced visibility on occasions to less than a few yards.—Reuter.

# Geoff Dyson Preaches The Lessons Of Helsinki To The Workers Of Britain

London, Dec. 6.

Touring the country today preaching the lessons of Helsinki to factory workers, mill hands and labourers is Geoffrey Dyson, Britain's chief athletic coach.

Dyson already has covered 15 towns, including Newcastle, Sheffield, Sunderland, Birmingham and Nottingham. He is scheduled to visit London after which he will go to Scotland, Wales and the Eastern Counties.

The Industrial Welfare Society, with the permission of the Amateur Athletic Association, organised the tour.

The object is to interest the country's sports-minded industrial workers in athletics.

**TRUE PERSPECTIVE**

To give his listeners a true perspective of what is required in physical effort to achieve a world record in the field of athletics, Dyson has introduced a novel feature.

When speaking in halls or factory canteens, Dyson exhibits pole vault standards with the bar placed at a height of 16 feet 8¼ inches—the world mark set by Cornelius Warmerdam of the United States in 1942. Audiences gasp when they look at the bar—higher than a London trolleybus.

Dyson also measures on the floor the 53 feet 1½ inches hop, step and jump world and Olympic mark set by Brazilian Adhemar Ferreira da Silva at Helsinki. And listeners are hard put to it to believe such a distance could be covered by touching the ground only twice before jumping off and landing.—United Press.

# SID BARNES THINKS HE IS FINISHED

Sydney, Dec. 7.

Sid Barnes, the Australian Test cricketer, was quoted in the Sunday Telegraph today as saying that the Cricket Board of Control had "beaten him."

According to the newspaper, Barnes said: "The Cricket Board of Control has beaten me—it looks as though I am finished with big cricket."

Barnes has been the centre of one of the biggest controversies in Australian cricket. The Board of Control dropped him last year after he had been chosen by the selectors to play against the West Indies, and he was left out of the team to meet South Africa in the Test now being played at Brisbane.

**NERVOUS EXHAUSTION**

Barnes will enter hospital today for treatment for nervous exhaustion.

According to the Sunday Telegraph, he said his attempted "comeback" to Test cricket this year had been such a strain that only constant medical attention had kept him from a complete breakdown.

In an article published in the Sunday Telegraph, Barnes said he wanted to tell his story of the incident in which he figured during the Sheffield Shield match at Adelaide last week.

As 12th man, Barnes accompanied the drinks steward on to the field, wearing street clothes and carrying a portable radio, a scent spray and cigars, which he offered to players.

Barnes said: "After a year of real misery for my family and myself, perhaps I did clown a little too much at Adelaide. But you feel like that when you are out of balance.

"I indulged in what was to be a little harmless fun. Unfortunately, that brief interlude has been magnified into an almost international situation. Most members of the New South Wales team and some of the South Australians know at Adelaide what I was going to do: they all thought it a good joke, but the papers turned it round the wrong way."—Reuter.

## CROSS COUNTRY

# Derek Coburn Wins Army Championship

There was a large turnout for this year's Army team and Individual Cross Country Championships held at Dill's Corner on Friday, December 5.

Altogether 182 runners took part in the race, which was keenly contested throughout. There were 12 Major and four Minor unit teams and 23 individual contestants lined up for the start.

Major de Cordy Long, M.C., set them off to a flying start but they were soon well strung out, although it was apparent that the first place was going to be keenly contested throughout the race.

The course was approximately 5½ miles and the large crowd of spectators were able to view the first and last mile of the race. The Wireless vans of 1/Wilts and 27 Inf. Bde Signal Section broadcast a very good commentary on the later stages of the race.

**NECK AND NECK**

As anticipated, the finish was very keenly contested. Lt McCord, S/Sgt West and L/Cpl Coburn set a hot pace for the finishing line and battled it out neck and neck. Lt McCord could not quite hold out and in the final battle to the tape, L/Cpl Coburn just forged ahead to win by 2.4 seconds from S/Sgt West.

The Royal Ulster Rifles did very well against strong opposition to win the Major Units Championship and 170 Lt Bty R. A. had to go all out to win the Minor Units Team event against a strong challenge from the Royal Army Pay Corps.

The results were as follows.

Individual.—1, L/Cpl Coburn (45 Fd. Regt R.A.); 2, S/Sgt West (R.E.); 3, 2/Lt McCord (R.U.R.). Times: 33 mins 18 secs, 33 mins 20.4 secs, 35 mins 30 secs.

Major Units.—1, Royal Ulster Rifles (99 points); 2, 60 Fd Engineer Regt R.E. (164 points); 3, 1/Wiltshire Regt (234 points).

Minor Units.—1, 170 Lt Bty R.A. (85 points); 2, Royal Army Pay Corps (111 points); 3, H.Q. 35 Inf. Bde (197 points).

Trophies and prizes were presented to the winning teams and the first three individual winners by Major-General R.C. Cruddas, D.S.O., G.O.C. Land Forces Hongkong.

# CRC TENNIS TEAM BEATS MALAYANS

The Chinese Recreation Club beat the visiting Malayan Tennis team by 3-2 sets with two sets drawn in a friendly tennis tournament held at Causeway Bay yesterday.

Men's Singles.—To Wai-kai (C.R.C.) beat Ong Chew-bee 6-4, 6-4; Choi Geo-bah (C.R.C.) drew with Lim Hee-chin 4-6, 6-6; Chang Chiau (C.R.C.) beat Lien Khu-liang 7-5, 6-4.

Mixed Doubles.—Chu Chung-pui and Mrs E. Litton (C.R.C.) beat Ong Chow-bee and Mrs Gladys Loke Chin 7-9, 11-9; Lee Wai-tong and Mrs Tseu (C.R.C.) lost to Low Kee-pow and Chun Kwun-yuk 2-6, 1-6; Ho Ka-lau and Mrs T. Lo (C.R.C.) lost to Leong Hoe-yong and Mrs Kit Leong 2-6, 3-6.

Men's Doubles.—Y. P. Tai and B. C. Rotes-Ali (C.R.C.) drew with Lien Khu-liang and Low Kee-pow 6-0, 2-0.

## THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appleby

## STEEPLECHASE SEASON

The steeplechase season is in full swing in the United Kingdom. This picture was taken at Kempton and shows Boy Daurl (A. Grantham) leading from Mr Music and Highgate in the St. Margaret's Handicap Race.

# GIRLS DECIDE TO SHARE OUT THE MEDALS

### By "RECORDER"

It may have been that they were confused over a choice of four sprint events and the 80 Metres Hurdles, but the array of Sprint Champions and record-holders at the first ever Ladies' Inter-Club Athletic Meeting in the Colony's history finally divided 10 medals among seven of them.

**Out of the confusion a new star emerged in the shape of a very Minor Planet from King George V School's Upsdell House constellation — nursery of great feminine sprinters—as Lynn Ramsey annexed the 80 Metres title in a very creditable 11.6 seconds.**

The two original Minor Planets kept out of this race, as did Lam Kak-lan, but a victory over Fok Wing-sheung and Hilary Hale, even if only a narrow one, represents a very impressive achievement indeed for a first race in Colony finalist company.

**UPSET OF THE DAY**

The day's big upset came in the second race—the 200 Metres. This was definitely an All-Star affair, involving the first three in the last Colony Championship, every one a current or past record-holder.

The inside lane was drawn by Lam Kak-lan, who had claimed the new record the day before with an amazing 28.3 seconds at the South China Athletic Association's Inter-School meet, and the outside lane was drawn by Deborah Hurlbatt.

In between them were the Colony Champion, Jennifer Hart, and the former joint Colony record-holder, Rita Hall.

It was a great race with Deborah going flat out to the turn and coasting in as the rest of the field closed to within two yards of her at the tape. The result was Hurlbatt, Lam Kak-lan, Hart and Hall in that order and it's going to be a great race any time these four meet over the next few months.

Lam Kak-lan had run five races the day before and she was much slower than she can be. But the Hurlbatt potentialities in this event have yet to be drawn out and her ground-eating stride looks as impressive as was Alapini's.

Lam Kak-lan came back in the 100 Metres to win by a good two yards over Deborah and Jennifer Hart took the 160 Metres in a close finish from Hilary Hale in a very fast 22.6 seconds.

**JUMP SPECIAL**

The Women's Long Jump is becoming one of the greatest attractions at our local athletic meetings and the approach run, the length of the pit and some yards beyond it were lined two deep by spectators as the Jumping H's took on Pui To's diminutive Fong Sik.

The contest opened with a leap of 14 feet 1¼ inches by Jennifer Hart. This was followed by what may have been the winning jump as Rita Hall rocketed out to a 15-footer in a really stylish effort, lost her balance on landing and stepped back nearly a foot. It was measured at 14 feet 1¼ inches.

The Rhodesian Rocket was next and there was a long "Wah!" from the largely Chinese audience as she landed beyond 15 feet. It was measured at 15 feet 0¾ inches—beating Noele Simmons' pit record by a quarter of an inch.

It was Deborah's third competitive jump over 15 feet and she has only two pit records left to capture — the Caroline Hill west pit and the University.

Hilary Hale followed with 13 feet 9 inches and there was an expectant hush as Fong Sik started on her run. The Pui To star leaped out to well over 14 feet but overstepped the board and it was a no jump.

The Jumping H's, except for Hilary, who improved to 13 feet 11 inches on her second jump, fell short of their first round efforts or their next two leaps, but Fong Sik's second jump measured 14 feet 8½ inches and the final order was Hurlbatt, Fong Sik, Hall, Hart and Hale.

**DETERMINED**

Everything over, the Rhodesian Rocket announced that she had moved her goal for the season up to 17 feet. Her best in practice is 15 feet 10 inches and she has been out of training now since last May.

The other Minor Planet — Jennifer Hart—held the spotlight for the rest of the afternoon as she tried for a new Colony record in the High Jump after equalling her own standing record (shared with two others) of 4 feet 5 inches.

While all this was going on, the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club Coaching Committee of Mr J. E. P. Blenkinsop and Mrs J. Van Vliet passed the word around that hard training had to begin very soon.

Examinations are now on at King George V School and most of the boys and girls at Caroline Hill yesterday were hissing Brutus and Cassius at each other in between events. Examinations over, no more training session absences will be tolerated.

**ALSO DETERMINED**

Mrs Van Vliet demonstrated her determination on this point by annexing the Shot Put and Javelin Throw events and it is now known that she can spear anyone within 75 feet. Lazy HKAAC members would do well to bear that in mind.

The Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club won the Inter-Club Trophy with 30 points — six from Mrs Van Vliet, eight from Deborah Hurlbatt, nine from Jennifer Hart, three each from Lynn Ramsey and Hilary Hale and one from Rita Hall.

Pui To Girls' School scored 15 points, South China Athletic Association 11, Belilios Public School four and the French Convent School two.

**THE SUMMARIES**

**80 Metres:** 1. Lynn Ramsey (HKAAC); 2. Fok Wing-sheung (SCAA); 3. Hilary Hale (HKAAC). Time: 11.6 seconds.

**100 Metres:** 1. Lam Kak-lan (SCAA); 2. Deborah Hurlbatt (HKAAC); 3. Lee Shuk-tak (BPS). Time: 13.8 seconds.

**160 Metres:** 1. Jennifer Hart (HKAAC); 2. Hilary Hale (HKAAC); 3. Lee Shuk-tak (BPS). Time: 22.6 seconds.

**200 Metres:** 1. Deborah Hurlbatt (HKAAC); 2. Lam Kak-lan (SCAA); 3. Jennifer Hart (HKAAC). Time: 29.3 seconds.

**80 Metres Hurdles:** 1. Tsoi May-ying (Pui To); 2. Jennifer Hart (HKAAC); 3. Tze So-ying (Pui To). Time: 15.6 seconds.

**High Jump:** 1. Jennifer Hart (HKAAC); 2. Leung Gar-ling (Pui To); 3. Leung Pak-kay (Pui To). Winning Height: 4 feet 5 inches (equals Colony record held jointly by Julia Tingay, Valerie Jillott and Jennifer Hart).

**Long Jump:** 1. Deborah Hurlbatt (HKAAC) 15 feet 0¾ inches; 2. Fong Sik (Pui To) 14 feet 8½ inches; 3. Rita Hall (HKAAC) 14 feet 1¼ inches.

**Shot Put:** 1. Mrs J. Van Vliet (HKAAC) 8.24 metres; 2. May Wu (Pui To) 7.81 metres; 3. Fung Mei-mei (SCAA) 6.80 metres.

**Discus Throw:** 1. May Wu (Pui To) 78 feet 9½ inches; 2. Law Man-sau (SCAA).

**Javelin Throw:** 1. Mrs J. Van Vliet (HKAAC) 23.58 metres; 2. May Wu (Pui To) 22.70 metres; 3. Lee Po-chee (SCAA) 16.19 metres.

**400 Metres Team Race:** 1. South China Athletic Association; 2. King George V School; 3. Belilios Public School.

**400 Metres Relay:** 1. King George V School (Jennifer Hart, Lynn Ramsey, Hilary Hale and Deborah Hurlbatt) 57.1 seconds; 2. French Convent School; 3. Belilios Public School.

# S. CHINA DRUB U.S. NAVY, BLACKHAWKS OUTHIT THE AMERICANS

### By "KEYSTONE"

South China swept irresistibly to the forefront in the Senior "A" Division of the Softball League with a humiliating 15-0 shutout over a bedraggled Navy nine yesterday, while the Pandas, playing brilliant ball, chalked up a 5-1 victory to put paid to a long-standing account with their feuding cousins of the CAA.

**In the Senior "B" Division, the Blackhawks swooped swiftly to make a fine kill, outhitting the much-vaunted Americans outfit to win by a comfortable 7-2 score. In the lunch-hour game, the rip-snorting Delaware tribe collected another easy scalp with a 7-3 win over Pandas "B".**

South China's meal-ticket, hurler P. C. Wong, marked up another point in the credit column of his pitching record yesterday when he chucked a masterful three-hit game against the free-swinging Navy boys to advance his team another step in this season's hot Championship race.

Taking full advantage of the erratic handling of the battery-weak Navy squad, the Nam Wah boys went to town in a big way, scoring in every inning but the second to run up their top-heavy 15-run score. Eleven South China batters reached first base through walks as the gobs fumbled and booted the ball 13 times to complete their debacle.

**RARE, GOOD DAY**

The usually willow-weak Chinese outfit had a rare, good day at the plate, poking out nine safeties off two Navy pitchers as "Rabbit" Leung and P.C. Wong grabbed off the honours with two hits apiece.

The old bunt-and-run act of the South China squad was demothballed for the special benefit of the U.S. Navy, and proved still effective, leaving the Navy infield flatfooted and gaping time and again.

The only time Uncle Sam's boys ever set foot on "officers' country" at third base was when they made a last-gasp effort in the final canto.

Pinch-hitter Stoffel got on through a miscue by shortstop Leung, and advanced to second and on to third when Leung nonchalantly let the next drive right through his mitt.

Centrefielder P.H. Lee fumbled the ball in covering this play, but made a beautiful throw to nail Stoffel at the plate when he attempted to score. The next two batters popped up tamely to end the fiasco.

Chucker P.C. Wong's superbloopers had the Navy batters swinging wildly at every one of his pitches, high, low, inside and outside. No fewer than ten towering flies to the outfield came off the sailors' bats, but faultless outfield performance by Nam Wah nullified all Navy efforts.

In the morning Senior "A" game, the Panda Bearcats emerged from their winter hibernation to maul up Frank Poon's Chinese Athletics with a near shutout 5-1 score.

**CUT THEM DOWN**

Speedballer Jackie Wei, showing some of his old fire and deadly accuracy, cut down the Athletics batsmen in short order with a wide variety of pitches, long saved up for the occasion.

While issuing four free bases, Wei conceded only one solitary bingle to the opposition, and was robbed of a shutout only by shortstop Wally Ma's wild heave after two down which scored the only CAA run in the initial frame.

Still bleary-eyed from their long winter sleep, the Bearcats were unable to make any reply till the third inning, which speedy centrefielder Tony Chang started off by rapping out a left field hit to get on base, advancing to second when the catcher fumbled the next pitch.

Jimmy Herrick drew a base on balls, then Y.S. Liang lined one to the pitcher, who forced out Chang at third.

Wally lifted a skyscraper to short centre which was misjudged and the sacks were choked.

Clutch-hitter Tim Wang then slammed a sizzling drive through second to score two runners, while Ma was erased at third when he hotfooted it down to the scoring perch on the hit.

**THREATENING NOISES**

The Pandas made further threatening noises in the fourth when first baseman Harold Ong slammed the ball through third base for a solid hit, but Jackie Wei laid down a bunt which "Ping" Lam converted into an out at first, and when Ong tried to make third Y. Z. Young rifled the ball across the diamond for the double-kill.

The Bearcats scored three insurance runs in the fifth canto when Herrick got on through an infield error and Y. S. Liang bummed a walk to put two runners on base.

Clean-up man Wally Ma then stepped into a groovy one and promptly parked it into centrefield to bring home two runs, moving down to third himself on the peg-in to home.

A subsequent wild pitch saw Ma cleating the dish to score the last run of the ball game, as in their last turn at bat the Pandas fell victims to another double-play.

To the amazement of all present, spectators and players alike, pitcher Jackie Wei tickled the ball into short right for a safe hit and took off like a hare when relief catcher Raymond Tsao laid down a sacrifice bunt which resulted in a routine out.

Still in uncontrollable high glee over his hit, Wei rounded second and steamed right on to third, only to find the ball waiting for him to run into the twin-killing.

CAA hurler "Ping" Lam was touched for five solid blows by Panda sluggers, while winning pitcher Wei allowed a single measly hit by L.P. Lam, and disposed of five Athletics batters via the strikeout route.

**THE SCORES**

**Ladies' Division:** CAA (Walkover) 0, South China 7; Pandas 5, Squaws 6.

**Junior Division:** Griffins 10, Pandas 6; 35 Bantams 13; Comets 17.

**Senior "B" Division:** Delawares 7, Pandas 3; Blackhawks 7, Americans 2.

**Senior "A" Division:** Pandas 5, CAA 1; U.S. Navy 0, South China 15.

# KCC Win The Ladies' Lawn Bowls League

Kowloon Cricket Club "A" team are the first winners of the Hongkong Ladies' Lawn Bowls League.

The league was inaugurated this summer, conducted by the KCC under the sponsorship of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association.

Five teams from three clubs took part and the first season gave every indication of the Ladies' League becoming a firmly established feature of lawn bowls in Hongkong.

Kowloon Cricket Club "A" went through their programme without a defeat, while Kowloon Dock "B" lost only two of their eight matches to finish runners-up.

Here are the final standings in the league:

| | P | W | L | D | F | A | U | D | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| KCC "A" | 8 | 8 | - | - | 211 | 115 | 90 | - | 16 |
| KDC "B" | 8 | 6 | 2 | - | 192 | 128 | 64 | - | 12 |
| KCC "B" | 8 | 3 | 5 | - | 124 | 182 | - | 58 | 6 |
| KDC "A" | 8 | 2 | 6 | - | 140 | 171 | - | 31 | 4 |
| Taikoo | 8 | 1 | 7 | - | 133 | 204 | - | 71 | 2 |

## League Cricket

# BAD DAY FOR KCC

Kowloon Cricket Club aspirations for Cricket League Championships suffered two serious reverses on Saturday when the First Division team could only manage a draw against Navy and the Juniors lost to Indian Recreation Club by seven wickets.

League standings now are:

**FIRST DIVISION**

| | P | W | D | T | L | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Optimists | 10 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 29 |
| Scorpions | 8 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 25 |
| KCC | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| RAF | 10 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 23 |
| Army | 9 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 18 |
| CCC | 7 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 14 |
| Recreio | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| HKU | 10 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| IRC | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 4 |
| Navy | 9 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 4 |

**SECOND DIVISION**

| | P | W | D | T | L | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RAF | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 29 |
| Dockyard | 9 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 25 |
| IRC | 9 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 24 |
| KCC | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 20 |
| Army | 8 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 18 |
| Navy | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 12 |
| HKU | 8 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 10 |
| Police | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 9 |
| KCV | 7 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 6 |
| DBS | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 5 |
| Recreio | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 |

# SCHOOLBOYS LOSE BY 90 RUNS

The friendly cricket match between a team captained by H. Owen Hughes, President of the Hongkong Cricket Club, and a Schoolboys' XI captained by Arthur Rumjahn at Chater Road yesterday ended in a win for the former by 90 runs.

Batting first, the President's team knocked up 171 for nine declared, W. I. Franklin being top-scorer with 61. I. Stanton contributed 35.

The best bowling performance by the Schoolboys was returned by K.K. Kwan, who took four wickets for 23 in six overs, two of which were maidens. B. Carnell captured three for 44 in 11 overs.

On their turn to bat, the Schoolboys were all out for 81 runs, the only batsman to reach double figures being B. Carnell, who knocked up 40 before being caught by Kilbee off Franklin.

L. D. Kilbee was the most successful of the President's bowlers, taking three wickets for one run in 3.3 overs, one of which was a maiden.

**PRESIDENT'S XI**

| | |
|---|---|
| L.D. Kilbee, lbw Carnell | 3 |
| I. Stanton, b Kwan | 35 |
| W.I. Franklin, c Bendall, b Kwan | 61 |
| T.A. Pearce, b Almao | 4 |
| D.W. Leach, c Almao, b Carnell | 12 |
| J. Borthwick, c Minu, b Almao | 31 |
| H. Owen Hughes, c Almao, b Carnell | 10 |
| F. Howarth, b Kwan | 8 |
| R.H. Hughes, b Kwan | 3 |
| D. McLellan, not out | 2 |
| C.B. Connett, not out | 5 |
| Extras | 0 |
| Total (for nine wkts dec.) | 171 |

**Bowling Analysis**

| | O | M | R | W |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Almao | 11 | 0 | 52 | 2 |
| Carnell | 11 | 0 | 44 | 3 |
| Minu | 5 | 0 | 33 | 0 |
| Khan | 1 | 0 | 19 | 0 |
| Kwan | 6 | 2 | 23 | 4 |

**MR A. RUMJAHN'S XI**

| | |
|---|---|
| C. Bendall, c McLellan, b Stanton | 1 |
| J. Shroff, lbw Connett | 0 |
| Adam Khan, c Owen Hughes, b Howarth | 8 |
| E. Minu, c McLellan, b Howarth | 2 |
| Q. Almao, b Owen Hughes | 2 |
| B. Carnell, c Kilbee, b Franklin | 40 |
| G. Kent, b Connett | 4 |
| Ali Khan, c Hughes, b Borthwick | 6 |
| Osman Adem, c Borthwick, b Kilbee | 3 |
| B. Chuk, not out | 4 |
| K.K. Kwan, b Kilbee | 1 |
| A.A. Rumjahn, b Kilbee | 0 |
| Extras | 1 |
| Total | 81 |

**Bowling Analysis**

| | O | M | R | W |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Carnell | 8 | 2 | 14 | 3 |
| Stanton | 4 | 1 | 9 | 1 |
| Howarth | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Leach | 4 | - | 16 | - |
| McLellan | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Owen Hughes | 4 | 0 | 23 | 1 |
| Franklin | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Borthwick | 4 | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Kilbee | 3.3 | 1 | 1 | 3 |



## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SIXTH RACE MEETING 1952/53

**Saturday, 6th and Saturday, 13th December, 1952**

**(Held under the Rules of The Hong Kong Jockey Club)**

On the 1st Day the First Bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 1.30 p.m.

On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2 p.m.

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s.s. "TAIPING"
arrd. 7th December, 1952

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1952.



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# THAILAND TO EXPORT LESS RICE

Bangkok, Dec. 7.

Thailand's rice exports in 1953 will suffer a drop of 20 per cent with a total estimated export figure of 2,200,000 tons of rice, according to a top agriculture official.

Admiral Luang Sunawin Vivadh, Minister of Agriculture, told a reporter that the 1953 estimate compares with the estimated total 1,500,000 tons this year. He explained that the 300,000 tons cut had been caused by damage to paddy from drought, floods and insects.

It was the first official estimate of Thailand's 1953 rice export capacity. A recent survey of forthcoming crops made by commercial interests estimated a more favourable exportable surplus of 1,350,000 tons.

The Minister disclosed his rice export estimate shortly after receipt of reports of crop prospects throughout the country from agricultural officials.

The figures indicated that of the available 39,118,697 rai for rice cultivation only 29,473,765 rai were damaged, including 329,651 rai by floods and 36,044 by drought. A shortage of water buffaloes was given as reason for the non-cultivation of 46,438 rai.

Luang Sunawin said that 11 provinces in the Central Plain will harvest an excellent crop, 10 an average crop and five a poor crop. In North Thailand, two provinces will produce excellent crops and five an average crop, he said.

In two provinces of Northeast Thailand excellent crops are expected, average crop from seven provinces and poor crops from six. Eight South Thailand provinces are expected to yield average crops and four poor crops, the Minister said.—United Press.

# BACK-SLAPPING IS OVER

## *Empire Statesmen Getting On With The Job*

## Expansion Of Trade The Central Theme Of Talks

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Dec. 7.

**The Commonwealth Economic Conference has now settled into its stride. As one of the visiting Premiers put it this week in private conversation, "The back-slapping is over and we are now getting on with the job we came here to do."**

**There can be no question of the importance of that job, not only for the Commonwealth but the free world at large.**

**The Ministers who are gathered in London represent the largest single trading bloc in the world and their decisions may well influence the course of international trade for many years to come.**

Their determination to adopt only those policies which will facilitate expansion of trade between the Commonwealth and the rest of the world has therefore been welcomed.

This does not mean that they have decided on the immediate abolition of all quota restrictions on imports from non-Sterling countries; that must come gradually in the light of individual member countries' internal needs.

Scope for liberalisation of trade is obviously greater in countries with advanced industrial economies than in those that are relatively undeveloped.

But there is no question of the Commonwealth seeking refuge in still more restrictive trade policies.

Expansion has in fact been the central theme of the Ministers' approach to all aspects of Commonwealth economic policy.

### FOUR MAIN HEADS

Broadly speaking the work of the conference falls under four main headings: trade; finance; development; and commodity policy.

The first of these is by far the most important; everything else depends on the success of the efforts now being made to increase external surpluses, both individually and collectively.

Fortunately the outlook in this respect is moderately bright. The United Kingdom's trade gap has been progressively narrowed. The balances of other Sterling countries with the non-Sterling world have also improved.

Our gold reserves are mounting, and the Finance Ministers appear confident that this improved position will be held for some months ahead—even after taking account of debt payments of $180 million that fall due in a few weeks' time on the United States and Canadian post-war loans.

The present situation is a sharp contrast to that which faced the Commonwealth Finance Ministers when they met in London last January. But this improvement has been brought about largely by a series of drastic import cuts and a swing in terms of world trade in our favour.

### THE ONLY WAY

Result is that the United Kingdom has been able to earn a small surplus in its external balance of payments but at a much reduced level of trade.

We have won what the Chancellor of the Exchequer terms "a breathing space" but that is all. The task now before this country and the Sterling Area as a whole is (again in the words of the Chancellor) "to work out a better long-term position and a solid basis for the prosperity and contentment of our people."

And this can only be done within the framework of a gradually expanding trade.

There are several ways in which the Sterling Area can put its trade with the rest of the world—and particularly with the dollar countries—on a sounder basis.

The first is by developing the resources in which the Commonwealth is so potentially rich.

### PRIORITY SCHEME

In formulating their plans for future development projects the Prime Ministers rightly decided to concentrate their efforts on improving the internal supplies of those commodities which the Sterling Area at present imports largely from dollar countries.

They decided, moreover, that the Sterling Area could — and should — do more to finance its own development.

But the Commonwealth has only limited resources of men, machinery and money — three main prerequisites of any large-scale development project—so the claims that are made upon them will be critically examined in the light of balance of payments requirements.

Priority will therefore be given to those schemes which are designed to remedy a deficiency of commodities such as wheat and cotton that now have to be bought in large quantities from dollar countries or to step up production of those materials — for example copper and zinc — for which American demand is expected to grow.

Resources will also be set aside to enable work to go ahead on the basic forms of development—such as the provision of power plants, more efficient transport systems and irrigation schemes—where projects of this type are an essential condition of further economic expansion.

### DISINFLATIONARY

This applies especially in Colonial territories and the new Dominions. Industrialisation in the other Dominions (except Canada) will be at a much slower rate and the United Kingdom will devote more resources to the production of capital goods for export.

The announcement that the British defence programme is to be cut next year may, in fact, be the first indication that this policy has already been initiated.

Meanwhile, the strict internal disinflationary policies adopted after the January economic conference will be continued.

Another way in which the Sterling Area can expand its trade with the rest of the world is by replacing some of the controls that prevent the free interchange of Sterling and other world currencies.

The speed with which this objective can be reached, however, must again depend on the success of our collective efforts to earn a larger surplus in trade with the rest of the world.

### NEAT PROBLEM

The gold reserves, especially, must be built up to a much higher level before any attempt at convertibility can be made.

Here indeed the Commonwealth Prime Ministers are faced with a neat problem.

Their avowed intention is to work towards greater liberalisation of trade—including, presumably, non-discrimination against dollar goods—by gradual relaxation of import restrictions.

But can they at the same time expect to build up the gold reserves to the point where convertibility for Sterling becomes a practical proposition?

The answer obviously is no.

Help will therefore be needed if the aim of convertibility is to be achieved. This is one of the chief topics the Commonwealth is anxious to discuss with the new United States Administration.

But whether help will eventually take the form of a stabilisation fund provided by the United States and Canada or a "stand-by" loan from the International Monetary Fund must remain a matter for conjecture.

### NOT SATISFACTORY

In any case the Commonwealth Prime Ministers are clearly dissatisfied with the present working of the International Monetary Fund, and suggestions for some revision of its articles of agreement will no doubt be made.

So far as the other post-war international organisation — the International Bank and the General Agreemment on Tariffs and Trade — are concerned, the Ministers appear to approve of the one while doubting the efficacy of the other.

The International Bank is clearly regarded as the source of future development funds. It is in any case doing the job it was set up to do in an extremely efficient manner.

But can the same be said of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade? In the opinion of certain Commonwealth countries it cannot.

The present world economy, they argue, is a great deal different from that envisaged in the immediate post-war period when G.A.T.T. came into being.

### MUST BE MODIFIED

The situation that was not foreseen is the "cold war" which has divided the world into two opposing camps and prevented all but the barest minimum of trade between them.

Therefore, the argument runs, G.A.T.T. must be modified to suit present conditions.

And one of the first things that should go is the "most favoured nation" clause which forbids the maintenance or extension of preferences and virtually compels many member countries to impose quota restriction on imports to protect their balance of payments.

However, there does not appear to be complete agreement on this point, and the proponents of a strengthened system of Imperial Preference may in the end find themselves outnumbered by those who are satisfied with G.A.T.T. in its present form.

The Commonwealth Prime Ministers have agreed in principle on the need for some form of international agreement to prevent a repetition of the wide fluctuations in Sterling commodity prices that have occurred since the outbreak of war in Korea and which—perhaps more than any other factor—precipitated last year's economic crisis.

### APPROACH TO U.S.

Price stabilisation schemes might take the form of long-term contracts or arrangements similar to the International Wheat Agreement. But in any event it has been decided to set up machinery for immediate consultation between Commonwealth countries at the first sign of any future "emergency" in the commodity markets.

Two points emerge clearly from this brief review; firstly, that the Commonwealth is now in the process of formulating completely new policies to deal with its economic problems and, secondly, that few of these policies can be translated into action without the active co-operation and support of the United States.

The Prime Ministers are therefore planning a joint approach to President-elect Eisenhower's new Administration early in the New Year when all outstanding issues—including the question of the dollar price of gold—will be fully and frankly discussed.

Before then, however, the Commonwealth's views will be placed before the O.E.E.C. countries, who will be invited to join what will in effect be a world economic conference.

### THE STOCK EXCHANGE

After a firm opening, prices in most sections of the Stock Exchange began to sag at mid-week and both gilt-edged and industrials finished lower on balance.

The news that the gold reserves rose again in November had no apparent effect on gilt-edged prices, largely because the rise had been anticipated by most investors.

But uncertainty as to the outcome of the Commonwealth talks on future finance policy, and the gloomy Budget outlook, outweighed the better gold position and caused a moderate decline in gilt-edged prices.

There are naturally many rumours in the City while the outcome of the Commonwealth Conference is awaited and none of these has helped sentiment in the markets.

Some observers believe that convertibility, when it comes, will be linked with a rise in the bank rate, and talk of this kind is anything but a steadying factor in the gilt-edged market.

### BUDGET DEFICIT

The announcement that the British defence programme is to be cut next year also contributed to the subdued state of the markets. Aircraft shares especially have been hit by this news.

But perhaps the most important factor in this week's setback has been the growing Budget deficit. Ordinary expenditure in the first eight months of the financial year exceeded revenue by £400 million and, while this may be made good during the remaining four months, there now seems little likelihood that Mr Butler's estimate of a £400 million surplus "above the line" will be realised.

It is too early to say how this might affect the shape of next year's Budget but it seems clear that investors' hopes of tax reductions are beginning to recede.

Despite these somewhat adverse factors, however, the underlying trend of the markets remains fairly firm. Profit-taking and bear selling accounted for a large part of the week's decline of prices but good demand by investors for gilt-edged securities at current levels is reported.

And the yield of 4 per cent. Consols is still above 4½ per cent—only 1½ per cent. lower than that on first-class equities.

## Formosan Coal For Japan?

Taipei, Dec. 7.

Formosa expects to sell a total of 200,000 tons of coal to Japan to ease the coal shortage there due to strikes.

According to reports from Japan, Japan intends to import 1,600,000 tons of coal between December and March to ease her critical coal shortage.—Reuter.

## *Canada's Search For Oil*

London, Dec. 7.

News that Sir Robert Watson-Watt, the scientist who pioneered the development of radar, is to lead a search for oil in Canada, using a new radar technique, has aroused considerable interest.

But Sir Robert himself has warned that it has not yet been proved whether radar is able to penetrate the earth's crust and if his theory will, in fact, succeed in taking the scientific search for oil a further stage forward.

In point of fact, radar equipment has already been used by the oil men in pin-pointing positions. It played an especially important part in a very extensive survey carried out shortly after the war in the Bahamas area, where four-fifths of the area surveyed was covered by water. Indeed, the oil industry has for long utilised every scientific aid in locating potentially oil-bearing subterranean rock strata, and the element of chance so far as discovery of a new petroleum deposit is concerned has been correspondingly decreased. It has been calculated that, on an average, one exploratory well out of every five drilled as a result of geological and geophysical guidance proves productive as against only one in 20 drilled without such preliminary scientific investigation.

But, despite all these extremely valuable precautions to eliminate as much risk of failure as possible, such risk cannot be entirely excluded. For, as yet, there is no known method, other than actual test drilling, to put the presence or absence of oil—particularly in commercial quantities—in a new area beyond dispute.

### A COROLLARY

All that the scientists can do—and this in itself is of tremendous service — is to indicate underground rock beds, perhaps thousands of feet below the surface, whose composition and conformation favour the possible accumulation of oil. As a corollary, they can also say that the type of underground rock strata precludes any possibility of oil being present. But they cannot say in so many words: "Here you will find oil!" The most they can say is "Here you *may* find oil!" or "Here you certainly *won't*."

The actual "proof of the pudding" — the exploratory drilling programme—is inevitably often a prolonged and exceedingly costly investigation. Thus, one company in Venezuela spent about £12 million over a 10-year period on exploration and development before it marketed a drop of oil. Another company, in Colombia, spent £15 million over a 23-year period before receiving the first return on its money.

### NEVER KNOWS

And in Canada itself—the land where Sir Robert is now about to lead yet another new search for fresh oil deposits—over 100 exploratory wells had to be drilled and hundreds of millions of dollars hazarded before the first big post-war discovery was made in Alberta, at Leduc.

It is perhaps one of the most fascinating things about this industry to an oil man that he never knows for certain when some outstanding new discovery is coming. The ever-present element of chance, and the possibility of eventual disappointment after endless time and capital has been sunk in an exploratory venture, makes success, when it is gained, that much more thrilling than if it were assured at the outset of a project.

Nevertheless, the oil industry is always striving to reduce the incidence of risk by seizing upon every new scientific advance that can be adapted to its own ends. And if Sir Robert is able to perfect a new exploration technique, incorporating radar, which adds to the accuracy of the search, the oil men will be among the very first to congratulate him upon his feat.

## *Formosan Budget Discussion*

Taipei, Dec. 7.

The Legislative Yuan (the Nationalist parliament) will go into a five-day session beginning tomorrow for the business of working into law the 1953 national Budget.

The Yuan's Committee on the Budget, and the related committees on finance, economics, and communications, working day and night during the last week, last night completed their final report, which will be recommended to the plenary session for deliberation.

The completion of the legislative procedure is expected around December 10.

Meanwhile, the Yuan's watchdog committee on the national budget met today to examine the power company's budget. Its chief purpose was to find out whether the company's recent rate increase was justified.

Comptroller-General Peng Hsung-chou, Minister of Economics T. K. Chang, and Taiwan Power Company key officials were invited to be present at the meeting to answer questions.—France-Presse.

## Japanese Hogs For P.I.

Tokyo, Dec. 7.

Japan has sent its first post-war shipment of hogs to the Philippines to build up the livestock there.

A ship left Moji with 180 head of Berkshire hogs selected because of the breed's ability to withstand tropical heat. A second shipment of 800 boars will leave in March and 1,000 more boars and 500 sows will be shipped to the Philippines between April and July.—United Press.

## NEW CHASE BANK CHAIRMAN

New York, Dec. 6.

John J. McCloy, former president of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, will succeed Winthrop W. Aldrich as chairman of the Chase National Bank.

Mr Aldrich is the Ambassador-designate to Great Britain. His appointment was announced last week by Mr Eisenhower.

Mr McCloy has more recently been United States High Commissioner for Germany.

Mr Aldrich stated that the Chase Board of Directors is planning to take action next Wednesday to accept his formal resignation and to elect Mr McCloy to be his successor as Chairman and as a member of the board, both effective on Jan. 19.

Mr McCloy is a lawyer and former member of the firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hope, Hadley and McCloy, legal counsel for the Chase. Mr Aldrich also was a member of the same firm, which was known as Murray, Aldrich and Webb when he left the practice of law in 1929 to become president of the Equitable Trust Company a few months prior to its merger with the Chase National Bank in 1930.

Mr Aldrich said that Mr McCloy as Chairman and Percy J. Ebbott as President will be the chief executive officers of the bank.—Associated Press.

## *Sugar Quota*

Washington, Dec. 7.

The Agriculture Department today announced that the U.S. sugar quota for 1953 will be 7,800,000 tons. This amount is 100,000 tons larger than the initial 1952 determination.

The Department action was taken under the provisions of the Sugar Act of 1948.—United Press.





## *S. African Wool Trade With Japan*

Nagoya, Dec. 7.

Wool trade between Japan and South Africa is on the increase, A. G. Toy, director of Poppe, Schunhoff and Guttery, Ltd., wool dealers of Capetown, said here today.

The reason for the growing trade, he explained, is the Japanese demand for shorter fibres which are also finer.

He points out that Australian wool is a longer variety and not fully suitable for Japanese looms. Also, Australia has not been able to furnish a good quality short fibre to Japan.

On his first trip here, Mr Toy praised Japanese manufacturers and their methods of doing business. He says they pay their commitments promptly to open credits immediately.

Japan is at present unable to export much to South Africa due to trade restrictions, he said, but if the present favourable relations continue, expansion of trade between the two countries is inevitable, he contended.

There is a tremendous market for Japanese goods in South Africa among the native population, the wool merchant said, and this business will eventually form a solid foundation for future trade.—United Press.

## Rubber Futures In S'pore

Singapore, Dec. 7.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—

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| Number 1 rubber, per lb. | |
| January | 81¼-½ |
| February | 81½-82 |
| March | [illegible] |
| Number 2 rubber, January | 80¾-80½ |
| Number 3 rubber, January | 80¼-¾ |
| Number 4 rubber, January | [illegible] |
| Sheet rubber, January | [illegible] |
| Market crepe | [illegible] |
| No. 1 pale crepe | 111-1[illegible] |

—United Press.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to $369,430. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:—

| SHARES | BUYERS. | SELLERS | SALES |
|---|---|---|---|
| BANKS | | | |
| HK Bank .. | 1435 | | 20 @ 1435 |
| East Asia .. | 152 | | |
| INSURANCES | | | |
| Canton ..... | 245 | | |
| Union ..... | 780 | | 22 @ 780 |
| HK Fire ... | 142 | | |
| SHIPPING | | | |
| Asia Nav. .. | 1½ | 1.60 | |
| DOCKS, ETC. | | | |
| K. Wharf .. | | 22 | |
| N. Pt. Wharf | 0.40 | 0½ | |
| Dock ..... | | 20.70 | |
| Provident ... | 12.80 | | |
| Wheelock | | | |
| (Hks.) ..... | 11.80 | | 1000 @ 12 |
| Hongkew ..... | | | 3000 @ 3½ |
| LAND, ETC. | | | |
| HK Hotel .. | 7.20 | | 1000 @ 7.20 |
| HK Land (O) | 59½ | | 200 @ 60 |
| HK Land (N) | 59½ | | 400 @ 59 |
| S'hai Land . | 1¼ | | 1000 @ 1.80 |
| Humphreys . | 13.70 | | 500 @ 13.60 |
| | | | 500 @ 13.70 |
| UTILITIES | | | |
| Tram ..... | 22.70 | 1000 | @ 22.70 |
| | | 2000 | @ 22.60 |
| | | 400 | @ 22.70 |
| | | 200 | @ 22.60 |
| Star Ferry .. | 119 | 121 | |
| C. Light (O) | 9.40 | 9.60 | 100 @ 9½ |
| C. Light (N) | 0.20 | 0.30 | |
| Electric ..... | 23.70 | | |
| Macao Elec. | 21.20 | | |
| Telephone .. | 17.60 | | 900 @ 17.60 |
| | | | 3500 @ 17.70 |
| INDUSTRIALS | | | |
| Cement ..... | | 19.30 | |
| Rope ..... | | 20.90 | |
| STORES, ETC. | | | |
| Dairy ..... | 19.40 | 19.70 | 1000 @ 19.70 |
| | | | 2000 @ 19.60 |
| | | | 500 @ 19.50 |
| Watson ..... | | 23.10 | |
| COTTONS | | | |
| Ewo ..... | 2.20 | 2.35 | |

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

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|---|---|
| U.S. dollar (per $1) | 6.093 |
| Sterling note (per £1) | 15.83 |
| Indonesian guilders (per 100) | 27.40 |
| Siam ticals (per 100) | 23.00 |
| Singapore (Straits) | 1[illegible] |
| P.I. pesetas (per 100) | 11.875 |

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

# Tom In Trouble

AT first sight you might have taken Tom for one of those young interplanetary explorers who, in boys' magazines nowadays, dedicate themselves to making rings around the asteroids in vehicles resembling rocket - assisted goldfish bowls.

He was a fine-looking young man, tall, sparely built, fresh-complexioned, clear and steady of eye; the embodiment, it seemed, of all those virtues which, in the minds of schoolmasters and clergymen, add up to "clean living."

For his appearance in the dock at Great Marlborough Street he wore a strange garment, a one-piece something between a track suit and rompers, vivid blue in colour, and with an outside badge in yellow and red on the breast pocket.

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"YOU are charged," said the learned clerk to Tom, "with receiving a shirt, a tie, a microphone, a pair of gloves, a fountain-pen, an American Forces liberty pass, a cheque-book and two photographs, knowing them to be stolen. Do you plead guilty or not guilty?"

"Guilty," Tom said in the level tone you would expect a schoolboy's hero to use.

"What is that clothing he is wearing?" Mr Paul Bennett, VC, asked from the bench.

"It belongs to the American Air Force," said the detective-sergeant who had gone into the witness-box.

"Is he masquerading as a United States airman?"

"That is so, sir," the officer replied, and went on: "The police are asking for a remand in this case, sir. There are further inquiries to be made."

The magistrate agreed that Tom should be remanded. He was led away.

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A WEEK later, he was shown into the dock again. He still wore the vivid flying suit.

"Why wasn't that uniform taken off him — by force if necessary?" the magistrate asked, sharply.

"The prisoner said he had no other wearing apparel," said the officer in charge of the case. The magistrate suggested inquiries be made as to why Tom had been allowed to continue his masquerade in the remand prison.

"This man, sir," the officer said, "has been living by posing as an American serviceman, buying cigarettes cheaply in their clubs, and selling them in the street.

"On the day of his arrest I went to one of these clubs, where he had been detained. He had all the property on him. He said he had bought it for £5 from an American he met at the Marble Arch. It is all part of a £50 robbery from the United States headquarters at Ruislip."

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"ANYTHING known about him?" Mr Bennett asked.

"Yes, sir, he's 25 years old, and has six previous convictions, and six findings of guilt against him as a juvenile. He was released on licence three weeks ago from a sentence of three years' corrective training."

The magistrate asked Tom what he wanted to say.

Tom, still steady of gaze, regarded the magistrate for a moment, then said: "Couldn't get work or anything, that's all."

"Well, you seem to have made up your mind to lead a life of crime," the magistrate said. "Sentences will get longer and longer, you know. Go to prison for six months."

The tall young man who had seemed the embodiment of all manly virtues turned and left the dock, showing by no smallest sign what his feelings were. Soon he would be back in prison again; and this time the prison would provide him with a change of clothing, a change for the worse.

## Queen Mary Not To Attend Coronation

London, Dec. 7.

Queen Mary, who has attended three Coronations, has decided not to attend the Coronation of her granddaughter, Queen Elizabeth II, Court sources said today, because the long service would be too tiring.

She is expected to watch the historic ceremony on television.—United Press.

# Allegedly Drunk While Carrying State Papers

Washington, Dec. 7.

The State Department said today that it was investigating the case of a high Department official who was arrested on drunk charges while carrying "secret" government papers.

The spokesman said an inquiry was ordered after Foy David Kohler, a member of the Department's policy-planning staff and former head of the Voice of America, was arrested early yesterday by police of suburban Arlington, Virginia.

Shortly after Kohler's arrest, three State Department representatives relieved him of a briefcase supposedly containing secret papers.

The 44-year-old Kohler, who once served in Moscow and has been in the foreign service since 1931, had no comment to make on the inquiry. He forfeited $8.75 collateral on drunk charges.

His wife, Phyllis, was charged with drunken driving and was freed on a $500 bond pending her appearance in the Arlington County Court.

The spokesman indicated that one aim of the investigation was to determine the degree of secrecy surrounding the papers Kohler had in his possession when arrested.

Kohler has held posts in Bucharest, Athens, Cairo and London. He was Secretary-General of the United States Mission sent to observe the Greek elections in 1946 and served as Minister of the United States Embassy in Moscow in 1948.

He took over the Voice of America post in 1949.—United Press.

# How British Pilot Shot Down MIG

Seoul, Dec. 8.

Flight-Lieutenant John M. Nicholls of Liverpool, England, described last night how he shot down one of seven Communist MIG planes destroyed over North Korea on Sunday.

"I looked down and saw two MIGs below me," he said.

"I rolled over and closed to about 1,500 feet. One MIG broke hard right and went into a deep dive. We were going over the speed of sound.

"At 500 feet altitude, the MIG pulled up after I had hit him once. He levelled out on the deck close to Sinuiju. I hit him in the engine, slowing him up.

"I fired again hitting him in the engine, and a big burst of flame came out of his tail-pipe. He started to come apart and then exploded.

"He crashed just outside of Sinuiju. I could see a big puff of black smoke where he hit. The pilot did not eject."

The other six MIGs accounted for were all shot down by American Sabrejet pilots.

During Sunday more than 175 fighter-bombers struck heavy blows at Communist troop and supply concentrations in the Haeju peninsula area.

Flight-Lieutenant Nicholls, a Royal Air Force exchange pilot flying a Sabre with the American 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing, lives at 29, Remmington Road, Liverpool.—Reuter.

# Turkeys Fed On Wonder Drug

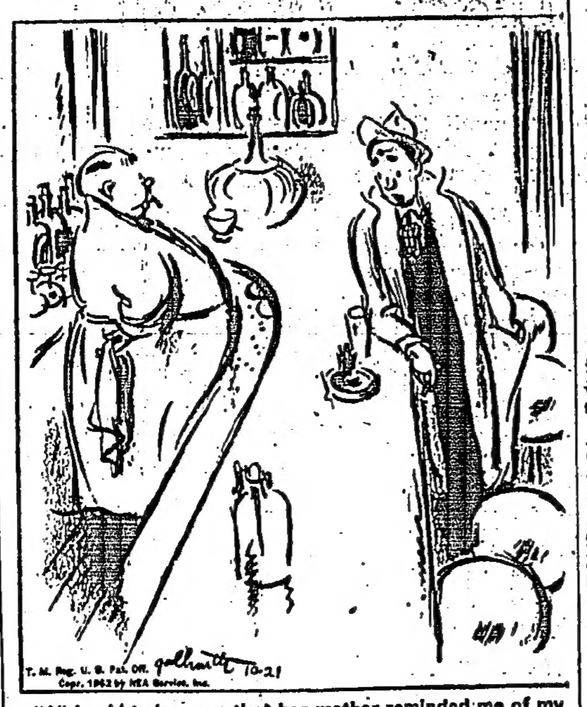
Dublin, Dec. 7.

Irish turkey growers are feeding their birds aureomycin, the American wonder drug, to fatten them up more quickly for the Christmas market.

Professor E. J. Sheehy of Dublin's Albert Agricultural College, said a series of tests indicated the drug adds 10 per cent more weight to turkeys over a 12-week period.

British researchers, who have been using aureomycin and other anti-biotics such as penicillin on pigs, have reported the drugs bring pigs to baconweight 10 per cent sooner than those not getting the drugs.—Associated Press.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"All I said to her was that her mother reminded me of my old top sergeant in the army!"

# Sequel To Bank Murder

Committal proceedings against a Vietnamese Bank Clerk Ngayen Xnan Dai, alias Yuen Shun Dai, 47, charged with murder of a watchman of the Banque de L'Indo Chine, started before Mr Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning.

Defendant is alleged to have murdered Kam Sze-yu during the night of October 11-12 this year with others not in custody.

Outlining the case, Det. Insp. W. E. Thomas, for the Prosecution, said that the deceased Kam Sze-yu, was employed as a night watchman of the Banque de L'Indo Chine and had been with the bank for four years.

On the night of October 11, when Lee Tak-chung, one of the foksi of the bank left the bank premises at about 10 p.m. he saw the deceased was the only person in the bank. He then helped the deceased to close and lock the main gate of the bank.

At about 7 a.m. the following morning, an amah, Ng Ngon received no reply when she rang the bell at the main gate. Lee, who happened to return, climbed into the rear yard of the bank by means of the drainage pipe from the servants' quarters.

### WHAT POLICE FOUND

He then opened the main gate for two Police officers and several employees of the bank to enter. Inside the bank, they found the chief cashier's safe covered with pieces of board and cloth. They also found electric equipment.

A Police constable found the body of the deceased lying on the floor of the store room in the basement bound and gagged.

The Police later discovered that the electric equipment and other articles left behind in the bank had been purchased from a certain shop. Later a Chinese named Wong Ka-hung, was identified during an identification parade as the man who made the purchases.

Wong was alleged to have visited the bank on two or three occasions on that day and was present when a box containing the equipment was delivered to the bank.

Defendant was later questioned by the Police and detained. He was charged with murder on October 13.

The first witness for the Prosecution, J. Redman, Government Chemist, said that at about 2.20 p.m. on October 20, he received from a mortuary attendant a sealed parcel containing a test tube of blood marked Kam Sze-yu. He said chloroform was present in the blood.

At 4.30 p.m. the same day, witness received from DSI Van another sealed parcel containing a bottle of approximately eight fluid ounces of chloroform. The bottle was half full.

Hearing is continuing.

## Living Language

Why we say Chancellor

The title of the Lord High Chancellor comes from the Latin word "cancellus," which means a grating or lattice-work. In the Roman law-courts a minor official was stationed at the fence or lattice barring the general public. His job was to admit those with business inside and he was the original "chancellor". Later he became a secretary inside the court, and yet later a superintendent of all judges within the Roman Empire.

# Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O., Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

By Air

Philippines, N. Borneo, 4.30 p.m., C.P.A.

Indo-China (Tonkin only), 4.30 p.m., C.P.A.

Formosa, U.S.A. (Seattle & Western States), Canada, 6 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.L.

Japan, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

By Surface

Macao, 9 a.m.; 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

By Air

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 8 a.m., Via C.P.A.

Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 4.30 p.m., Air Vietnam.

Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 11 a.m., B.O.A.C.

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m., P.A.L.

Malaya, Ceylon, Siam, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

By Surface

Macao, 9 a.m.; 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m. train via Canton.

Formosa, 9 a.m., as Wing Sang.

Indonesia, 10 a.m., as Tjiluntjek.

Philippines, South & East Africa, 11 a.m., as Tegelberg.

Malaya, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, 1 p.m., as Umaria.

Mauritius, 11 a.m., as Tegelberg.

Siam, 1 p.m., as Mui Hock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

By Air

Formosa, Japan, 9 a.m., via C.A.T.

Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 4.30 p.m., C.P.A.

Indo-China (Tonkin only), 4.30 p.m., C.P.A.

Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A. (New York), Canada, 6 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.L.

Japan, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

By Surface

Macao, 9 a.m., 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., train via Canton.

Siam, 9 a.m., as Hanyang.

### INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

The Four Prime Ministers are Gladstone, Salisbury, MacDonald, Churchill.

(London Express Service.)

# THE TASIKMALAJA CASE: INDONESIAN GOVT. OPENS APPEALS

**Appeals brought by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia against recent decisions given by Mr Justice Reece concerning the steamship Tasikmalaja, diplomatic immunity from cross-examination and foreign sovereign impleading, opened before the Full Court this morning. Five Counsel, including three QCs, are engaged and there was a huge array of law books on Counsel's table.**

The Indonesian Government are represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr P. J. Griffiths.

Respondents are Juan Ysmael and Co. Incorporated of Plaza Goiti, Manila, who are represented by the Hon Leo d'Almada, QC, and Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, both instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva; and Anthony Loh, trading as A. W. King, of Telephone House, Hongkong, for whom Mr Charles E. Loseby, QC, instructed by Mr J. C. Stewart, is appearing.

Opening his case, Mr McNeill said that there were originally two actions, Admiralty Jurisdiction No 8 and No 6, and on each there were before their Lordships two motions of appeal. Action No 8 was a writ for possession brought by Juan Ysmael and Company and No 6 was a claim for $25,000 for work done on the Tasikmalaja brought by Anthony Loh.

Mr McNeill said that the presence of Mr Loseby in Court was not quite apparent to him because the amount on the claim had been paid, therefore, Mr Loseby's presence must only concern costs. Counsel would not deal with that now but an hour or two later.

### EXPLAINS POSITION

Interposing, Mr Loseby said that Mr McNeill had not given the position. He was there because Mr McNeill brought a motion to strike out action No 6 brought by him (Mr Loseby). The learned Judge in the Court below dismissed the motion. Mr McNeill, he said, knew that perfectly well and had not put it plainly before their Lordships.

In action No 6, said Mr Loseby, he arrested the vessel and if he was successful in the appeal, that vessel could not be released until he had been paid his just claim against the ship and costs involved in the process of holding the vessel.

Mr Loseby said that he had previously explained to Mr McNeill, in a rather painstaking manner that not only had he not been paid, nor was there any undertaking by anybody to pay him, but there was a very considerable sum of money, considerably in excess of $25,000 unpaid and which, as far as he knew, would never be paid, his learned friend's own clients being one of the main debtors still.

Mr Loseby said that Mr McNeill knew perfectly well that this was an action brought for the purpose of reversing the decision of the Court below and in which his (Mr Loseby's) rights were upheld.

### AN AGREEMENT

However, there was a gentlemen's agreement, which he had no doubt would have been kept by both sides, that in the event one of them winning the action they would pay the costs, no more, added Counsel. Both parties had that agreement for their own purposes mainly because they were claiming to be the owners of the vessel and it would look rather bad if the owners of the vessel did not pay that amount. The agreement was kept.

At the time the agreement was made, Mr d'Almada made it plain to him (Mr Loseby) that he disputed part of his rights, namely, that whether in his action *in rem* Mr Loseby was also entitled to the costs.

"I cannot enforce a claim against the Indonesian Government," said Mr Loseby. "That would be totally worthless. "I am here for the purpose of arguing, if I can, that Mr Justice Reece was totally right in his judgment."

The Chief Justice: What is the appeal from?

### SUBSTANTIVE APPEAL

Mr McNeill, replying, said that there was a notice of motion appeal from the judgment of Mr Justice Reece given on September 15 against an order dismissing a notice of motion filed on behalf of his clients to set aside the writ to stay all further proceedings in action No. 8. Action No. 6 was the impleading motion. Mr Justice Reece heard both actions together.

Mr McNeill said that this was the substantive appeal before their Lordships. Prior to that Mr Justice Reece had made an order for the cross-examination of the Indonesian Consul-General at Hongkong and Major Pomoeraijo, a diplomatic courier, and against that order there was an appeal. The question of the immunity of these two gentlemen was then argued and the Judge dismissed the arguments and there was a notice of motion for appeal against the two decisions.

Counsel said that leaving aside the question of whether the learned Judge was right or wrong in ordering cross-examination or right or wrong in striking out their affidavits, there was nevertheless left on the file ample material upon which the Full Court could come to the conclusion that his clients were impleaded in both actions.

The Chief Justice said that the Court was of the opinion that Mr McNeill ought not to seek to exclude Mr Loseby from being present.

Mr McNeill: I am not trying to exclude my learned friend but when I come to my reasons for appeal I am going to suggest that there is nothing with Mr Loseby to argue about.

Counsel added that the stay of proceedings motion was lost but if they succeeded on appeal then Mr Loseby could not seek to detain the ship Tasikmalaja except for such costs as have been incurred by the Court. He would not be entitled to any other costs. Supposing the Indonesian Government lost the appeal, what would be the position then, Counsel asked. There was no order against Ysmael and Co: the order was for costs against his clients and Mr Loseby argued on behalf of Ysmael and Co. in the Court below.

### COUNSEL'S RIGHT

The Chief Justice: Mr Loseby has a right to address us whether the impleading motion appeal succeeds or fails.

Mr d'Almada said that this was not an appeal against decisions in both actions 6 and 8 and he would ask the Court that his clients had now entered a caveat. But both appeals being heard together would be preferable.

Mr Loseby contended that the position should be cleared up at the outset otherwise there would be confusion. He said that at the previous hearings he had asked and made a preliminary point that the two motions should be heard separately, but his two learned friends, Mr McNeill and Mr d'Almada, went into an unholy alliance, the result of which was that he (Mr Loseby) protested with as much vehemence as he could muster. The result was that Mr Justice Reece decided that the motions should be heard at the same time.

In the matter of the hearing of those motions, Mr d'Almada did enter a caveat in No. 6. He submitted a series of affidavits in action No. 8 the whole of which tended to show, after they were pleaded, that the Indonesian Government had no right or interest, however slight, in the question.

Mr McNeill said that the two motions were, one for possession and one for repairs. There was a motion in both of these actions to stay proceedings and set aside the writs the ground being that a recognised foreign State was impleaded. Impleading, said Counsel meant that by these proceedings, they compelled anyone else to come in and defend his rights.

### GENERAL RULE

Mr McNeill said that the general rule was that the Courts would not oblige a foreign sovereign or State to come before the Court in order to maintain its rights when, if they did not do so, they would run the risk of losing their rights.

Counsel said that there was a vast distinction, as between the North and South Poles, between a foreign State which came into an action and a foreign State which was drawn into proceedings as a defendant.

The question in all these cases before the Court was this: Was there a contest of rights between the party commencing the action between that party and a foreign sovereign State, because as soon as the Court came to the conclusion that a right was claimed by a foreign State and was contested, the Court must hold that the foreign State is impleaded.

Mr McNeill said that he would argue on the following main lines:

Assuming that the Judge was right in striking out affidavits he (Counsel) would then say that there was ample intimation left upon the documents on the file that his clients were impleaded;

The issuance of a writ *in rem* by its very form impleads anyone who has an interest;

His clients brought the ship into Hongkong within the jurisdiction of the Court and had indicated a claim to interest;

It was admitted that the ship was under charter to the Indonesian Government at the date of the writs of both actions;

If that were not the position, his clients would say that they were at that time the owners;

That at the material time his clients had control of the vessel.

### COUNSEL'S CONTENTION

Turning to the judgment of Mr Justice Reece, Mr McNeill said that his Lordship did not in fact deal at all with the serious and important, and he would say cogent arguments on impleading, because his Lordship had come to the conclusion that there was nothing else left on the file.

Mr McNeill said he would contend that the learned Judge ought not to have made any order for cross-examination and that, his Lordship having made the order and the persons concerned not having appeared to be cross-examined he ought not to have struck out from the file their affidavits but should have kept them there and given to them and the paragraphs contained therein what weight he thought fit. There were statements in them which had not and could not be disputed, he added.

Mr Wright then dealt with points in the affidavits which indicated that they should not have been struck out.

The hearing is proceeding.

## World-Famous Ballerina Here

Sonia Arova, world-famous ballerina, arrived here by BOAC this morning. She came here from a tour in Japan where she gave 33 performances.

Miss Arova said that the Japanese ballerinas have a great future, and added that she thinks very highly of them.

Her manager, Mr John Keet said that their Japanese tour was officially recognised by the British Embassy there to be on the basis of establishing goodwill and cultural relations between the British and the Japanese peoples.

They will be leaving this afternoon for Paris where Miss Arova will stay for a short holiday before returning to London.

## Possession Of Gun, Charge

A 57-year-old bean sprout hawker Ng Sui, and a Chinese woman Chung Ho, 26, both of 41B Holy Cross Path appeared before Mr R. W. S. Winter at Central this morning charged with possession of a revolver and five rounds of ammunition.

Inspector H. M. Dey said that the defendants were found in possession of the revolver and ammunition on December 6 at a place near Holy Cross Path.

Both were remanded three days in Police custody for further enquiries.

## Electric Current Breakdown

A fault in the main generator of the Hongkong Electric Company's plant this morning resulted in the current being cut off in all districts for 25 minutes.

The breakdown occurred at 6 a.m. and the supply of electricity was restored at 6.25 a.m.

From The Files

# 100 Years Ago

Captain Shadwell, a note of whose computation of Saturday's Eclipse we made use of in our last issue, remarked that an accurate observation of the first of last contact of the limbs of the Sun and Moon, at beginning or ending, would afford data for determination (or confirmation) of the longitude of the place of observation. Mr Weiss, whose transit instrument is placed over his establishment on the Queen's Road, almost immediately in rear of the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office has kindly favoured the public with a note of his observations, confirming Captain Shadwell's remark that the approximate predictions would probably be found not to be more than a minute (nine seconds only over it) in error. We do not know whether others saw it, but about twenty minutes to ten there was a curious phenomenon, the shallow of the moon appearing to be indented in a peculiar manner, remaining so, so long as we observed it, nearly a minute.

### CRIMINAL SESSIONS

A Criminal Session of the Supreme Court commences today. Thirteen cases are down in the Calendar. Cases 11, 12, and 13 involve the murders of Yeong Achow, Lum-Acheong, and John Mackenzie, on the high seas, the settlement of one case deciding the three, perhaps, Nos. 7 and 8 are piracy cases, the same three prisoners being concerned in both. No. 10 is also Piracy case—5 a highway robbery—3 and 4 (the same party in each) of receiving stolen goods—No 2, a Forgery case—No 1, a Larceny. Of eighteen Jurors summoned one, for a certainty, has a long time been residing in Canton and another is also, we think, absent—One (able to hear a case as a Justice of the Peace) has several times pleaded deafness when called as a Juror—another has been challenged as having an insufficient acquaintance with the English language, and several are desirous of being at the Canton Regatta. Such is the constitution of the present Jury Panel.

### A CORRECTION

In the Canton Commercial List of Monday we find the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Agent circulating a notice regarding the Drug by the Pekin, to which is appended a note running "The Pekin has proceeded to Cumsingmoon." But the Pekin at present writing, is still in Hongkong. We suppose the answer to any remark on the erroneous note would be "we were so advised." The incident offers a good peg whereon to hang correction of an erroneous remark in our last issue. We stated that the Erin had left for Singapore. With the Company's Agent, who has better means of getting information than ourselves, we would reply to any cavil "we were so advised" (though we had our doubts of the truth of it at the time). The Erin's trial trip we have now to say ended in the neutral ground about Macao; where if statute law was not sufficient presumed International offered a bar to any arrest on account of the action which has grown out of the Erin's collision with the Paoku. The Erin under the efficient command of Captain Jamieson, as mentioned in another place, is now circulated for Woosung "and for Shanghai if sufficient inducement offers."

# Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6, Programme Summary; 6.02, Children's Half Hour presented by Sally Ann (Studio); 6.30, Portuguese Half Hour (Studio); 7, Time Signal, World News (London Relay); 7.10, A Talk on the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Economic Conference by the Rt Hon. R. G. Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia (London Relay); 7.15, "Journey into Melody" Vocalist Teddy Johnson; 7.45, Artist of the Week—Carl Dolmetsch (Recorder) with Joseph Saxby (Harpsichord); 7.55, Weather Report; 8, Caucasian Sketches, Op. 10 (Ippolitov—Ivanov)....Roger Desormiere conducting L'Orchestre De La Societe Des Concerts Du Conservatoire De Paris; 8.30, "I like what I like" presented by Irene Yuen. (Studio); 9, "The Thunderer"—A Talk on the history of 'The Times' by Sir Llewellyn Woodward (BBCTS); 9.20, An Appeal for the Church of England Institute for Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen by Major R.C. Harvey, R.A.C., Army Public Relations Officer (Studio); 9.25, Concert: Concerto No. 4 in G Major, Op. 58 (Beethoven)....Artur Rubinstein (Piano) and Royal Philharmonic Orch. cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham; 10, Frontiers—A Talk by Peter Ustinov (BBCTS); 10.15, Chanson Francaise—Andre Claveau and Edith Piaf; 10.30, Dancing Time; 10.59, Weather Report; 11, Radio News; Reel (Recorded London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music, God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

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